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Opening Session of the Peace Conference—Its Probable Result.

PARIS, Sunday Jan. 10.

The Conference for the settlement of the dispute between Greece and Turkey met in this city yesterday. Their first session was a long one, commencing at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and terminating at 11 o'clock at night. The Greek and Turkish representatives both manifested a very conciliatory disposition, and a peaceful result to the deliberations of the Conference is looked forward to with confidence. The next session will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 12.

FRANCE.

The Chinese Embassy in Paris—Mr. Burlingame and the Emperor.

PARIS, Sunday, Jan. 10.

An official journal says the Ambassadors of China, now in this city, are receiving every honor and attention, and declares that Mr. BURLINGAME'S position on the Embassy is entirely satisfactory to the Emperor. The Ambassadors will have a formal audience with the Emperor at an early day.

THE BORUSSIA.

Her Passengers Safely Landed.

HAMBURG, Saturday, Jan. 9.

New-York friends of passengers on board the steamer *Borussia*, heretofore reported off Portland, England, with a broken shaft, and who are anxiously inquiring on the subject by Cable, are informed that all were safely landed on the 29th ult.

MEXICO.

A Terrible Earthquake at Colima—Many Persons Killed—Great Destruction of Property.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, Jan. 9.

A letter from Colima, Mexico, gives an account of a terrible earthquake experienced in that city on the morning of Dec. 26. For several days previous the volcano of Colima, thirty miles from this city, exhibited symptoms of internal commotion, sending forth smoke and steam, accompanied by rumbling and shaking of the earth.

The morning of the 26th ult. was ushered in by a gentle rocking of the earth, which gradually increased in violence until the walls of the houses were cracked, and everything breakable was demolished. The vibrations were from the northeast to the southwest, and lasted nearly forty seconds. The Cathedral, a warehouse and several brick buildings were cracked from top to bottom. The people were startled from their sleep, and rushed frantically for the Plaza. It is reported that several persons were killed by the falling of the walls of the National Hotel.

The shock was felt a long distance in the interior. In several places the ground opened, trees were uprooted, hills leveled, water courses changed and a general upheaving of the earth took place.

At the City of Manzanillo the Cathedral building, which had stood shocks of earthquake and storms for over a century, was riven from top to bottom. Even the tiles on the roof were broken. Some eighteen or twenty persons were killed by the falling walls of the American Hotel, and three others were buried beneath the ruins of WASSERMAN & Co.'s warehouse.

CUBA.

Court-Martials in Civil Cases Abolished—Strength of the Revolutionists—The Havana Press.

HAVANA, Saturday, Jan. 9.

A proclamation by the Captain-General, abolishing court-martials for the trial of civil cases, was to-day promulgated. The proclamation of liberty of the Press has gone into full effect.

The reports are fully confirmed that the revolutionists have decreed the abolition of slavery within their lines. The Spaniards here consider it a desperate measure, and an indication of the growing weakness of the rebel cause. The commanders of some flying columns of Spanish troops report that the revolution is gradually decreasing; but well-informed Cubans assert the contrary, and report that the revolutionary forces are constantly receiving accessions from within and without the island.

The leaders of the Cuban party declare that they have the greatest confidence in Gen. DULCE as an honorable gentleman, but they say they cannot place any reliance on the compromise measures he introduces; for another revolution may take place at any moment in Spain, which might change the whole aspect of affairs, and annul, perhaps, all the acts of the Captain-General.

It is anticipated that the recent Liberal proclamations will cause a material change in the insurrectionary districts, as soon as they become known there.

HAVANA, Sunday, Jan. 10.

The *Diario*, the organ of the slave traders and the defender of the corrupt bureaucracy, up to the present date, has published nothing of the new order of things, and sensible and moderate Spaniards are disgusted with its conduct.

The *Prensa*, an ultra-Spanish paper, and the regular organ of the Jesuits, continues to publish bombastic articles full of threats against the revolutionists. This journal is considered an open enemy by the Cuban party, and is respected as such.

Several new Liberal journals have made their appearance.

At the Tacon Theatre, last night, the revolutionary hymn of Spain was sung amid indescribable enthusiasm.

Two battalions have left for Nuevitas.

Florida Legislature—Resignation of Lieut.-Gov. Gleason as President of the Senate.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Sunday, Jan. 10.

The Legislature adjourned Saturday morning until Monday.

In the Senate, Lieut.-Gov. GLEASON, in vacating the President's chair, called on Mr. MALCHAM, a colored member, to fill it. GLEASON then retired and sent in his resignation as President of the Senate, which was accepted. The Lieutenant-Governor being a State officer, and by provision of the Constitution President of the Senate, the proceeding is deemed tantamount to a vacation of the office, and the resignation should have gone through the Executive Department to the Senate; and the question arises whether he can retain his functions of the office thus. The House meanwhile had business of importance.

Proceedings in the Kentucky Legislature.

LOUISVILLE, Sunday, Jan. 10.

In the Kentucky House of Representatives, yesterday, a joint resolution was introduced, ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, respectfully requesting Congress to remove all political disabilities that may have been attached to any citizen of Kentucky by virtue of the Fourteenth Constitutional Amendment.

HAYTI.

Salnave's Campaign in the Southern Peninsula—Seven Towns Captured.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Hayti, Friday, Jan. 1.

President SALNAVE left Port-au-Prince on the 18th ult., with his two war steamers and troops, to make a campaign against the rebels in the Southern peninsula. He took the City of Miragoane, which was afterwards retaken by the rebels, when he again captured and partly destroyed it. A large quantity of logwood, ready for market, was found there. Six other towns along the coast were successively taken and held by SALNAVE. The inhabitants joined with the Government troops in driving the rebels out. On the 30th ult. the City of AUX CAYES made propositions to surrender. The President returned here today in his corvette, the Pelos. He intends going back to the South in a few days to take possession of Aux Cayes. It is reported that the rebel chief NORMANDE was killed at Miragoane. It is thought that these successful movements of SALNAVE in the South will hasten the surrender of JACMEL and JEREMIE, and thus restore the authority of the Government throughout the entire peninsula. The cultivators in the interior are loyal to SALNAVE. In the North the rebels still hold the Port of St. Marc's, the Government having made no attempt as yet to take it. It is reported that the rebels there have recently received arms and ammunition from certain parties in Boston, who have formerly traded in the island.

On the 30th ult. the Government monopoly on coffee was removed, and the trade opened to competition under the following regulations: One-quarter of the coffee to be exported shall be given to the Government, including all charges of cocking and delivery. The remaining three-quarters shall pay an export duty of two and a half gold dollars per 100 pounds, and 10 per cent of this amount, in addition. One-half of the duty is receivable in any certificates of indebtedness of the Government.

The export duty on cotton is fixed at one and a half gold dollars per 100 pounds, and 10 per cent in addition, and on logwood at $1 per 100 pounds, and 10 per cent additional. Since the proclamation of the new export duties market prices are unsettled. Coffee is quoted at 4½@4¾ cents per pound; cotton, 11@12 cents; logwood, no prices. Before the new entry logwood was $2@$2 10 per 100 pounds. It is estimated that there are about 80,000,000 pounds of coffee in the country, and about 3,000,000 pounds of cotton. The Government estimated that its revenue under the new duties during the coming year will be not less than $5,000,000.

Funeral of Hon. J. M. Botts.

RICHMOND, Va., Sunday, Jan. 10.

Hon. J. M. BOTTS was buried this afternoon from St. James' Church. The State officials and the members of the Grant and Colfax Association were in the procession. A very large crowd of freedmen followed the remains to the cemetery.

WASHINGTON.

Gen. Grant and His Cabinet—The Universal Suffrage Question—The President's Pardoning Power—The Tenure-of-Office Act—The New-York Election Frauds.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sunday, Jan. 10.

"What is Gen. GRANT going to do?" and "Who are to be called to his Cabinet?" are the two great questions at present perplexing and puzzling Congressmen and politicians. Gen. GRANT has been approached again and again on the subject, but no one, so far, is able to discern the particular man on whom his eye is placed for this position or that. In the course of conversation yesterday with two members of the House, he said: "So far as the Cabinet and my views of public men and things in general are concerned, you had better consult the columns of the New-York *World*." Gen. GRANT continued: "There has been a great deal of speculation and surmise as to the probable appointments which I shall make. But Senator PUGH hit the mark closer than any one else when he related the story that Mr. LINCOLN used to tell about his Cabinet experience: 'If I had to form my Cabinet again, I should see that I had more than one voice in it.' Gen. GRANT then said that this story, attributed to Mr. LINCOLN, reminded him of another story which President TAYLOR used to tell about his Cabinet. 'A man came to me,' said TAYLOR, 'and asked me for an appointment. I told him that I should consider it, and if possible comply with his request, asking him to call again in a few days. He came to me and I had to tell him that I could do nothing for him, that I had submitted it to my Cabinet, and they outvoted me.'" These are the only positive indications that Gen. GRANT has yet given in reference to the formation of his Cabinet. If they indicate anything, it is that he will be President *de facto* as well as *de jure*. Some members of Congress are beginning to see it in this light.

UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.

The House Judiciary Committee have agreed to report a bill enacting universal suffrage in all the States to this extent, namely: Presidential electors, Representatives in Congress, and members of the State Legislatures. A majority of the Committee hold that the exercise of this power to this extent is entirely constitutional, especially under the Fourteenth Amendment. The bill will contain provisions for its enforcement by penalties for its violation. The Committee are understood to agree that they cannot prescribe by statute the qualifications for electors for purely State officers. Legislatures are included because they elect United States Senators. They have also agreed to report a constitutional amendment embodying the whole question of universal suffrage, to be submitted to the States for ratification. The reasons adduced for proposing both bill and amendment are that at present, with the amendment alone, there are not more than twenty-five States that will ratify it; but with suffrage for President and members of Congress enacted by law, and once exercised, the prejudice to it will give way, and it will act as an inducement for the ratification of the amendment. The matter will be ably discussed in both Houses.

AMNESTY QUESTION.

The thirteenth section of the Amnesty act of July 17, 1862, alluded to in the Texas of yesterday, was repealed by Congress at the last session of the Thirty-ninth Congress, and became a law without the signature of the President. It was received by him Jan. 9, 1867, and the constitutional ten days expired without his return. The President has always maintained that he has the power to grant amnesty under the Constitution. Paragraph 1, section 2, article 2, which defines his pardoning power, has these words:

He shall have power to grant reprieves and pardons for offenses against the United States, except in cases of impeachment.

But it is understood that in his reply to the Senate as to his authority, he will quote the precedent of Gen. WASHINGTON and the whisky insurrectionists of 1794, who were offered amnesty by proclamation if they would lay down their arms. When the impeachment investigation was first moved, the exercise of the pardoning power by Mr. JOHNSON was sought to be included among the counts of the indictment, but when, on investigation, it was discovered that Gen. WASHINGTON had once exercised it in a similar manner, it was abandoned, although many of the ablest lawyers in Congress still maintain that it is an unwarrantable assumption of power.

THE PAY OF DEPARTMENT CLERKS.

The Committees of Clerks of the several Departments have been actively and personally at work among members, during the past week, for the purpose of effecting the passage of their 20 per cent increase of pay for the current year. They distribute their failure at the last session to unusually demonstrations and impolitic pressure in the House when the subject was being considered. They have pursued a more effective course at this session. A resolution will be offered again to-morrow in their behalf. It has failed once this session, but by only twenty votes. They expect to see it pass before the close of the session.

THE CYRUS W. FIELD MEDAL.

The gold medal ordered by a joint resolution of Congress, approved March 2, 1867, to be struck and presented to CYRUS W. FIELD by the President, has never yet reached Mr. FIELD. It was struck and deposited in the Treasury Department. Subsequently it was transferred to the White House by direction of the President, and some accident seems to have happened to it there—it cannot now be found.

THE TENURE-OF-OFFICE ACT.

As the Judiciary Committee, to which was referred Gen. BUTLER'S bill for the repeal of the Tenure-of-Office act, will probably not be called this session, it is proposed to-morrow, under the call of States for resolutions, to introduce a joint resolution for the repeal of this act, and press it through under the previous question. It will unquestionably pass the House, but its fate in the Senate is doubtful. Many of the Senators quoted against it are known to be in favor of its repeal,—among them Mr. SUMNER. Some think that the repeal had better be deferred until Gen. GRANT indicates his desires officially. There is little question, however, that the act will, sooner or later, be erased from the statute book.

MR. WELLS' REPORT.

Though some of the high tariff influences are denouncing Mr. WELLS' report, it is evident that all their organs are not thus blind to its arguments and facts, as appears by the following from the Chicago *Republican*, the leading protection organ of the West.

We do not award to this important State paper any higher praise than it deserves when we say that from the foundation of the Government to the present, no public document equal to it in extent of research, comprehensiveness of research, depth of penetration, and honesty of purpose has emanated from any one of the Departments. Its pages embody the result of three years of elaborate investigation, almost microscopic examination, and laborious and patient thought. These reasons entitle it to a calm and dispassionate perusal by the thinking people of the United States.

THE NEW-YORK ELECTION FRAUDS.

The evidence taken by the Congressional Committee in New-York in the investigation of the election frauds in the late election will, when made public, show an amount of corruption and demoralization of an appalling character. Judge MCCUNN has sworn that forty thousand persons were naturalized in twenty-one days, and that in his own Court he used to turn out citizens at the rate of two per minute, their examination and cross-examination and administration to them of the oath requiring only that space of time. Representative DICKEY, of the Investigating Committee, left here this evening for New-York.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 10.

THE CASE OF JUDGE BUSTEED.

The statement sent throughout the country that about $800,000 stands to the credit of Judge BUSTEED in the Bank of Mobile, and that steps are being taken to secure it for the Government, is untrue. Upward of $8,000, the proceeds of shipwrecked property libeled by sailors, is deposited in that bank, which is entirely responsible, and not subject to the order of Judge BUSTEED, but to the credit of the District Court in the manner required by law, and can only be paid out according to the rules of the Supreme Court, after due adjudication of the Court, and upon the certificate of the clerk, countersigned by the Judge. No publicity has been given to the testimony relative to Judge BUSTEED, taken by the Committee on the Judiciary, and he is confident the Committee will dismiss all the charges as unfounded and frivolous.

THE CASE OF DR. MUDD.

The petition for the pardon of Dr. SAMUEL MUDD, addressed to the President and signed by Democratic Senators and Representatives, has been placed in the proper channel for consideration.

FOREIGN IMPORT DUTIES.

The United States Consul at San Juan, Porto Rico, has communicated to the Department of State a copy of the decree recently issued by the Spanish Government, of which the following is a translation:

SECTION 1. All materials imported from foreign countries and destined for such public works as railroads, tramways, high roads, canals for navigation, and irrigation water works, ports, lighthouses and civil constructions of general utility, are declared free from all duties in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands.

SEC. 2. In order to carry into effect the provisions of the previous section, the project of each work will be accompanied by a statement of all the materials sought to be introduced from abroad for the same.

SEC. 3. The Superior Civil Government, jointly with the office of the Inspection of Public Works, shall decide ultimately upon the list.

SEC. 4. This list shall not be modified or altered during the execution of the works except by again going through the official steps expressed in the previous section.

ARMY INTELLIGENCE.

The War Department has just issued orders providing that at the headquarters of every regiment of cavalry, with every company of cavalry and battery of mounted artillery, and with the records of every officer in immediate charge of public animals, a descriptive list of the horses and mules shall be kept, showing the name, age, sex, color, and other peculiarities of each animal, how and when acquired, his fitness for service, how long he has been in the service, the name of his rider or driver, and the particular one to which he was assigned. Veterinary surgeons are to have free access to the stables, and their suggestions for the care and treatment of horses must be enforced by the authority of the commanding officer. Particular instructions are given how horses shall be treated, both in the stable and in service. As to pulling very soon breaks them down, it is strictly prohibited on marches, escorts, express and other duties, except when absolutely necessary. A depot is established on the Fort Leavenworth Reservation for the reception of the unsaleable horses and mules in the military division of the Missouri. This order is issued by command of Gen. GRANT.

An Interesting Steamboat Case—The Loss by Collision.

From the St. Louis Republican, Jan. 8.

The suit brought by HIRAM K. HAELETT and ADAM WEAVER vs. PETER CONRAD was before the United States District Court yesterday. The petition in the case was filed on the 5th of September, 1865, and the suit was brought to recover $40,000 damages for the loss of the steamer *Katie* by a collision with the steamer *Des Moines*, in November, 1864. The libelants were the owners of the *Katie*, and respondent the owner of the *Des Moines*. The petition of the libelants stated that on the 22d of November, 1864, the steamer *Katie* left the port of Evansville, Ind., for Nashville, Tenn. While proceeding on her voyage down the Ohio, near Twenty-mile Island, she was struck and sunk by the collision between the two boats occurred and the *Katie* sank, becoming a total loss. Before the collision took place the *Des Moines* gave two whistles, and the *Katie* answered them. The libelants alleged that the collision was the result of carelessness on the part of the officers of the *Des Moines*. The respondent in his answer denied the allegations of the libelants, and stated that no signal lights could be seen on the *Katie*. He attributed the collision to the negligence of the *Katie's* officers.

The libelants claimed $40,000, as we have stated, and the respondent $500 for the loss to the *Des Moines*. The case was tried some time since before Judge TRIGG and disposed of. The Court found that both boats were at fault; the question of damages was referred to United States Commissioner JONES. This gentleman made his report, in which he said the damage should be divided equally. He laid the loss of the *Katie* at $20,000, and the loss to the *Des Moines* $997. Exceptions were heard and argued, and the Court overruled them. The report of the Commissioner was confirmed. Judgment was given against the respondent for $10,028 50—the costs to be divided equally between the two parties.

Gov. Brownlow's Valedictory as Editor.

The Knoxville (Tenn.) *Whig* of the 6th inst. publishes the following valedictory of its "senior editor":

The *Whig*, a journal I have edited for the last thirty years, now passes into other and more able and vigorous hands. As a member of the new company, owning the office, I shall feel a deep interest in the success of the enterprise, and will do all in my power to promote its success. In reviewing my long and eventful career as an editor, I have cause to say, that and I my life to live over, I would pursue the same course I have pursued, only more so. If in past life I have been violent on some occasions, my apology is, that like the Apostle PAUL, on many occasions I have spoken of with "bonds at Ephesus." In taking my leave of many of my readers, I will remind them that before they were born their parents were subscribers of mine. I have, however, the consolation to know that I have always taught both children and parents to hold fast to the forms of sound doctrine; and in defending them I have invariably referred to the words of truth and soberness. To my friends, I wish every possible success in all the undertaking of life. Of my enemies, I have no favors to ask, but am willing to let by-gones be by-gones.

W. G. BROWNLOW.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

Proposed Emigration of British Artisans to America.

John Stuart Mill on the Female Suffrage Question.

The Secret of Moustier's Dismissal from the Cabinet.

The steamships Rhea, from Liverpool Dec. 23, and Queenstown Dec. 24, and the China, from Liverpool Dec. 26, and Queenstown Dec. 27, reached this port yesterday. The news by these vessels, which are later by five days than those already at hand, is summarized in letters and extracts given below.

CONTINENTAL SUMMARY.

The Changes in the French Ministry—The Removal of M. de Moustier and its Cause—A Scandalous Affair—News from Spain—The Disturbance in the Montmartre Cemetery.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1868.

The cable will keep you informed of the phases through which the Turco-Greek question is daily passing. All that your correspondent can do is to fill the voids which it leaves. There is a little bit of scandal, for example, connected with the question, which will be found neither in your dispatches, nor in the French journals. I have it from a source which will not permit me to doubt of its accuracy.

In announcing to you the other day the modifications which have taken place in the Ministry here, I stated that with the exception of the removal of M. PINARD they were without any political significance. In regard to the latter, his disgrace caused no surprise, for there has been for months past a violent antagonism between him and M. ROUHER, and it was anticipated that at the first serious blunder made by him, the latter would succeed in ousting him. The Baudin prosecutions furnished the opportunity. The Government had been seriously compromised by these proceedings, as well as by the ridiculous parade of military strength which was made in the capital on the 3d of December. To save the present prestige of the Emperor, it became necessary to sacrifice the obnoxious functionary who was responsible for these mistakes, and M. PINARD was accordingly called upon to resign. His forced resignation was literally a disgrace, though his friends try to palliate matters by the statement that the Emperor offered to create him a Senator, an honor which he declined. All these things are very well known, because neither the Government nor M. PINARD had any particular interest in concealing them.

What is not so generally known, however, is the fact that the removal of M. DE MOUSTIER was a disgrace, and a disgrace of the worst kind. The political gold-seekers here have been puzzling themselves to discover what the motive of his substitution by M. DE LAVALETTE has been. The pretence of ill health is, as every one knows, but a cloak for a cause more serious. M. DE MOUSTIER is not, nor has not been at any time within these six months, in such a condition of health as to disqualify him for the performance of the duties of his position. As regards the diplomatic questions pressing upon the attention of the Government, there is not one which would indicate the expediency of substituting him by a Minister more specially qualified. Certainly, in respect to the Turco-Greek difficulty, it cannot be pretended that in point of experience, personal knowledge of the East, and acquaintance with the men who have the management of affairs at Constantinople and Athens, M. DE LAVALETTE has any advantage over him. What, then, was the motive of the sudden displacement of a man apparently in every way so well qualified to deal with the embarrassments of the Greek and Turkish imbroglio? I will tell you.

Attached to the French Embassy at Constantinople is a dragoman named OUTREY. It is only a few years since he went to Turkey without a sou, and now he is said to be a millionaire. People were unable to account for his sudden prosperity, for his is not a position in which men usually get rich. The other day the Emperor sent for the Marquis DE MOUSTIER from Compiegne, and on his arrival taxed him in presence of the Empress with being concerned with OUTREY in large financial operations in Turkey. The Minister was at first taken aback, but soon assumed a tone of virtuous indignation, and became even insolent in his language toward his Sovereign. Until then the Emperor had merely alluded to the matter as a rumor, but now during his lip disdainfully, he went to his writing-table, and taking some papers from a drawer, placed before the eyes of the dumfounded Minister documents which fully established the truth of the charge. Among them was an application for a tobacco contract for the Ottoman Empire for the brother of the Marquis, mistress. This the Turkish Government had refused to grant, and it is said that among the papers which found there was into the hands of the Emperor was a letter from the Marquis to OUTREY in which he desires him to intimate in cautious terms, but in a way that could not be misunderstood, his determination to revenge himself for the refusal of this favor. It is incredible that a man in the Marquis DE MOUSTIER'S position should thus imprudently commit himself, but such things have occurred before, and will occur again, under the influence of female pressure. Then again it should be recollected that all his operations had been carried on through OUTREY, whose fortune he had made and on whose fidelity he had reason to rely. The whole affair would probably have remained a secret to this day, but that the Turkish Government finding that the action of France in the present difficulty with Greece was more or less influenced by the resentment of M. DE MOUSTIER, communicated the facts to the French Ambassador at Constantinople who succeeded in obtaining possession of his correspondence with OUTREY and privately transmitted it to the Emperor. His Majesty lost no time in acting upon the information, and hence the motive of the Minister's sudden dismissal. He has been pitchforked into the Senate, it is true, but the dignity has been conferred upon him merely to cloak a scandal which would have reflected so badly on the system of Personal Government, already but too open to the charge of corruption, as upon the delinquent statesman himself.

THE EASTERN QUESTION.

In my last I stated to you that Austria was at the bottom of the rupture which has taken place between Greece and Turkey, and that to M. DE BEUST'S instigations is due the energetic attitude assumed by the latter Power. You will see by the violent recriminations which are now being exchanged between the Vienna and Berlin journals that I had good grounds for that belief. If there had not been a screw loose in French diplomacy such as I have indicated, it is my belief that Austria would not have ventured to offer her Turkey to the upon the advice which is causing so much anxiety for the peace of Europe. France and England had but to utter a joint veto at Athens to prevent the Greek Government from throwing down the gauntlet of defiance to the Porte. Why did they not do so? Let the Marquis DE MOUSTIER answer.

THE FRENCH ELECTIONS.

As the general elections will take place in May, and as by the terms of the law a period of six months is allowed to the executive power to fill up vacant seats, it is probable that the Government will decide upon not convening the three-four electoral colleges which have to choose deputies. The functions of the latter would, in the event of an election taking place, only last three months, and it is considered that the benefit gained therefrom by the constituencies would be more than counterbalanced by the excitement and expense of sixfold repeated contests. The *Siècle* strongly opposes this view, and says that the depriving of four electoral circumscriptions of their rights during an entire session would be a violation of the spirit of French institutions. It can see only one possible explanation for the revolution of the Government, and that is that it bears a series of defeats; such a result would be, for the opposition, a successful prelude to the great electoral struggle which is to take place next year.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

The Madrid *Gaceta* announces that the elections for the Ayuntamientos or municipalities are proceeding as peacably as could be expected under the circumstances in which the country is placed. Some slight disturbances had occurred, but they were promptly repressed. The Government is adopting severely restrictive measures against the Press. Several of the editors of the *Igualdad* and *Discusion* have been imprisoned, and others have fled to avoid incarceration. The accounts from Cadiz continue to be satisfactory. The people there are beginning to forget the terrible scenes of which the city was so recently the theatre. On the 15th an immense crowd assembled on the Plaza de San Antonio to listen to the music of the military bands, and to otherwise peacably enjoy themselves. The escaped convicts who fought with so much courage have nearly all been arrested. Some of them voluntarily surrendered themselves. The Provisional Governor, Señor RANCE, paid a visit to the city hospitals the other day, and gave a dollar each to the wounded, without any distinction between insurgents and soldiers. Gen. CANALEJAS DE RUDOS had published an order calling upon the people to give up the arms that remained in their possession within a delay of six hours, after which the houses would be searched for them. It is not stated whether the order had given rise to any further trouble, but it is probable that it had not, as a large proportion of the troops in the city had been sent to Puerto Santa Maria. Among the recent arrivals in Madrid are Gen. CLAUDINI and Admiral MENDEZ NUNEZ. The visit of the former had caused a good deal of speculation, and no doubt has reference to the candidature of the Duc D'AOSTA. The reception of Admiral MENDEZ was exceedingly enthusiastic. All parties vie in doing him honor, and as he has made no profession of his political leanings, he is popular with men of all shades of opinions.

From a letter addressed by ESPARTERO to the Liberal Monarchists of Saragossa, thanking them for the manifestation made in his favor, it is evident that the veteran would not be indisposed to exchange his Marshal's staff for the sceptre. He does not say so in express terms, but sheltering himself behind his favorite phrase "Let the will of the people be accomplished," he leaves it to be inferred that if it should be their will to elect him King he will not refuse the dignity. The appearance of this letter at the present time is most opportune. After the contemptible figure cut by the Duke of Montpensier on the recent affair of Cadiz, it is not improbable that a large proportion of those who would have supported him if he had not proved himself such an ass will now gladly accept the candidature of the Duc DE LA VITTORIA. In the case the election of the latter would be certain, for the Republicans have long since come to the conclusion to vote for him in case the decision of the Cortes should be adverse to the form of government which they most desiderate. The *Correspondencia* of the 20th announces a curious piece of news in the proposed visit of the Prince DE CARIGNAN to Madrid, where he intends to pass some time and where he has already hired an apartment. Do the Italian Princes, like the Duc DE MONTPENSIER, want to capture the Spanish throne by a *coup-de-main*? I think it is time that Don CARLOS should show himself on the field of action.

AFFAIR OF THE MONTMARTRE CEMETERY.

The preliminary proceedings in connection with the prosecution in this affair are concluded. Out of the thirty persons examined by M. DE GOREE, the *Juge d'Instruction*, only six have been sent before the Tribunal Correctionnelle, namely, Messieurs KEZENNEC, LEMAIRE, MARMOUET, CHEVRIER, MONIER and TELLIE. One is charged with outrages and blows inflicted on the Police Agents; others with seditious cries, and one with outrages against a Magistrate of the administrative order. The case is to be heard on Wednesday next, before the Sixth Chamber. What a mountain has been made out of this small affair! Only imagine 50,000 men being put under arms to secure the peace of a city threatened by six rioters!

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

Proposed Emigration of London Artisans to the United States.

On Dec. 24 a deputation of working men, who are shareholders in the Mutual Land, Emigration and Colonization Company, waited upon the American Minister, for the purpose of soliciting his advice and cooperation with reference to an emigration scheme which has been devised by that Company, with the view of ameliorating the condition of the artisans of this country.

The statement of the spokesman (Mr. E. G. SMITH) was simply a reiteration of a letter which he, in his capacity as Secretary of the Company, addressed to the Governor of Nebraska on the 15th of October last, and to which he has as yet received no reply. The following is an abstract of the document:

"Allow me the privilege of addressing you on behalf of a number of my fellow-countrymen who are desirous of emigrating to that State, and there founding a colony on the most advanced mutual principles, viz., holding the land in common property, and in contradistinction to the old feudal right of every man holding it for himself, the title of such land to be held by trustees, for the joint advantage of all those who have taken shares in the ownership, settlement, and improvement of such estate, and for the further development of social, commercial, political and moral rights inculcated by many of our great reformers, living and dead, but more especially the teachings of the late ROBERT DALE OWEN, upon whose principles our proposed colony will, to a great extent, be founded.

"We are very desirous of knowing in whether there exist any facilities for our obtaining land there by purchase on time by deferred payments to the State, or whether we could occupy the homestead lands jointly by trustees, or precisely land on this principle; whether there are even numbered reserved lands on the railways or any other way or means, so that six or twelve men could be sent out to occupy such land on behalf of a thousand, or many thousands, in a few years, each having a collective right, but no specific individual right, except by shareholding and a two-life lease. Seeing what a sad condition England is in at the present time, how hard working population is starving, how her trade is decreasing, how her finances are damaged and panic-stricken, how her lands are locked up in the hands of the great territorial lords of the country, how powerless the people are to redress their grievances either in the Parliament House or by a declaration of principles, backed by the armed power of the people, how heedless the Government is to the distress, the penury, the forced idleness of the millions who want work and adequate remuneration for their labor; these and many other sad reasons, make us hope, even trust, that we shall find some facilities to escape, and on the mutual principles, to which we have referred, help others escape from these soul-crushing influences here and found a home or colony in that highly-favored country under the benign influence and protection of the Stars and Stripes. Your fellow-citizen and obedient servant, EDWD. G. SMITH, Secretary to the Mutual Land, Emigration and Colonization Company, No. 18 Denmark-street, Soho, London, England. Oct. 14, 1868." (A dozen names were subscribed below.)

Mr. JOHNSON, in reply, said: I need no further information, gentlemen, to make me feel an interest in the subject you have in view. That interest is by no means diminished, but, on the contrary, increased, by knowing that you are a portion of the working men. Men of that description are always welcome in the United States, and are treated in the same way as any other class. You may well imagine that is the case when I tell you that the President of the United States was himself a tailor, and until his seventeenth or eighteenth year he was neither able to read nor write. You will, therefore, see that there will be no objection to your reception in America because you belong to what you term the working class. The fact is all in the United States belong to that class, and I do not think any person has motive to live or exist without the work to do or who is incapable of working. I cannot help thinking that the Governor of Nebraska has not answered your letter because he has not received it, but if you give me a copy of it and the prospectus I will see that it follows him through the State Departments. Whatever can accomplish my wishes will be the pursuit of land I am not entirely sure. Under the Homesteadlaw each of you can become the proprietor of a section, and then you might unite and establish yourselves jointly as proprietors of all the sections. I regret very much to hear that your condition is a distressing one, but more regretfully to hear that you think that it is owing to this Government at home. Whether that is so or not it is not for me to say, but if you leave England and go to the United States, as you propose, there will be no misgovernment there that will affect you individually. There may be a misgovernment from time to time there, affecting all classes alike, but sooner or later that misgovernment is sure to be corrected, because with us—and in a great measure it must be so with you—the Government of the United States rests exclusively upon the opinion of the people. I do not mean the opinion of any class or classes, but the opinion of all the people. As you of course know, the general suffrage which exists there enables one man to do, with reference to his Government, what any other man can do; and if such a case happened—the working class—which always constitutes a large majority of the people in a country like ours, have a voice in the Government, it is perfectly certain they cannot suffer from any misgovernment or from any measure which it is in the power of Government to change and substitute another for. If you go to the United States you may be sure that the prosperity of yourselves and your children will be secured beyond doubt. We have there what you have not here to the same extent—a comprehensive system of education. All children are educated, and they are educated, not by contributions from individuals, but by means of a fund raised from a tax upon all. I continue by saying that, whatever I may be able to do to further your object, will be done with the greatest possible pleasure.

The deputation then thanked Mr. JOHNSON and withdrew.

The Cheapening of Ocean Postage.

Mr. HADFIELD, M. P., and Mr. BAILEY, M. P., have initiated the following memorial to the American Minister, who has graciously received it, and cheerfully expressed his willingness to promote cheap ocean postage between the United States and the United Kingdom:

"SIR: Being aware of the signal benefits which have been derived in the United States and in Great Britain and Ireland by the cheap rates of postage existing in these countries, we take the liberty of asking your favorable consideration of the advantages which in our opinion would accrue by the establishment of a penny oceanic postage between the United States and the United Kingdom.

Allow us, therefore, to ask the favor of your communicating with your Government upon this subject, and be assured of our services in suggesting to our own Government the propriety of entering into all the arrangements requisite for giving practical effect to this proposal.

We need not add that the results of cheaper postal intercourse, say not exceeding one penny, would become apparent in social, commercial and peaceful relations being more largely secured to both nations.

We have the honor to be, Sir, your faithful and obedient servants,

[Signed by the members for Edinburgh, Dublin, Glasgow, Manchester, Leeds, Sheffield, South Lancashire, Northumberland, Sussex, Stoke, Warrington, Boston, Huddersfield, Bradford, Halifax, Knaresborough, Brighton, Bath, Taunton, Launceston, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Sunderland, Northampton, Frome, Stafford, Wigan, Ayr, Paisley, Dundee, Greenock, Carmarthenshire, Kildare, King's County, Sligo, Wexford, Wicklow, Waterford, Longford, Enniskillen, Limerick, Bandon and Forfarshire.]

Dec. 14.

If there had been time to apply to every member of the House of Commons, there is the strongest reason for believing that not a single signature would have been withheld.

FEMALE SUFFRAGE.

Views of Mr. John Stuart Mill.

From the London Times, Dec. 28.

We have been requested by the Women's Suffrage Committee to publish the following interesting correspondence with Mr. JOHN STUART MILL:

Letter to Mr. John Stuart Mill.

EDINBURGH BRANCH OF THE NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE, NEWINGTON HOUSE, Dec. 1, 1868.

DEAR SIR: On behalf of the above Society, I write to say that we feel both individually and as a committee, so much indebted to you for what you have done for us and for our cause that we could not hear of the result of the Westminster election without feelings of the deepest regret, and we trust you will not deem it intrusive if we venture to express the disappointment we felt at an event which came upon us as a great blow, when we were counting on your influence in this new Parliament to advance the question of women's suffrage.

Our feelings of pain and regret were not, however, confined to considerations connected with our own cause.

We regretted still more that any constituency should have rejected one of such high powers of thought and great attainments. We fear, because of your fearless protest against injustice to a race long down-trodden by almost every nation, as evinced by the great moral courage you displayed, along with Mr. P. A. TAYLOR, in the prosecution of Gov. EYRE—an act for which an enlightened posterity may regard you even more highly than for your eminent intellectual endowments.

We feel that, whether in or out of Parliament, your talents will be actively and conscientiously employed in the promotion of such objects as you have felt it your duty to help on heretofore, so that no constituency or section of men can hinder, by any one act of theirs, the advance of truth and justice.

Relying in this belief, and hoping you will kindly accept the sincere expression of our gratitude and sympathy, I am, dear Sir, yours very sincerely,

PRISCILLA M'LAREN, President.

Letter from Mr. John Stuart Mill.

AVIGNON, Dec. 12, 1868.

DEAR MADAM: Few things could be more gratifying to me than the letter with which I have been honored by you and your committee, and I beg you to accept and to convey to the Committee my warmest acknowledgments.

Of all my recollections connected with the House of Commons, that of my having had the honor of being the first to make the claim of women to the suffrage a Parliamentary questionis the most gratifying, as I believe it to have been the most important public service the circumstances made it in my power to render. Thus is now a thing accomplished, and the cause has a sufficient number of supporters among the best men in the House of Commons to carry on as much of the contest as can be conducted there. It remains for the intelligent women of the country to give their moral support to the men who are engaged in urging their claims, and to open the minds of the less intelligent by the fact that political freedom is the only effectual remedy for the evils which most women are conscious that women suffer. Whatever power I may have to promote this cause outside the House of Commons I shall not fail to exert to the utmost.

Your expressions of sympathy with my feelings, and approbation of my conduct on the subject of the Jamaica atrocities, are peculiarly grateful to me, for it has been with especial sorrow that I have seen so many women cold and unmoved at the recital of sufferings which it might have been supposed would at least have aroused some womanly pity and generous indignation against the perpetrators. It is peculiarly among women who have votes that it is their duty to use their influence on matters of politics that the severest condemnation of Mr. EYRE and his instruments should have been found; for if such women had possessed the warmth of heart which all women ought to have, their feelings would have been revolted at the sufferings inflicted, and they would have considered the reasonings by which these were attempted to be palliated as beyond their province. As it is, the conduct of so many among them has afforded one more evidence that the renunciation of masculine intelligence gives no security or womanly kindness.

I am, dear Madam, very sincerely yours,

J. S. MILL.

THE DIVISION OF STATES.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

It does not seem likely, at present, that any of the recent schemes for dividing certain States will be carried out. Such proposals are, however, noticeable, as they may show what conceptions the people have at this period of the political existence of a State of the Union as compared with such as formerly prevailed, or may indicate those which are likely to obtain influence in the future.

The question may be asked, generally, Who are the parties by whose consent a State may be divided into parts, each of which shall thereafter be a distinct State of the Union? All that appears to bear on the subject in the Constitution is in article 4, section 3, 1: "New States may be admitted by Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State formed by the junction of two or more States or parts of States without the consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned, as well as of the Congress." It is at least implied by the words of this clause that the Legislature, for the time being, of the State has full power to decide on this matter for the people of the State, and that the mere vote of Congress and the consent of a State is enough to enable two States to exist where only one existed before.

That the creation of new States in the Union, by doubling or trebling an old one, in this offhand manner, should have been contemplated, seems rather remarkable. Certainly it is rather incongruous with the doctrine that national sovereignty results from a compact between the States. Under any theory of the Union that has heretofore been propounded, the change effected would be totally different from any result within the scope of ordinary legislation. The change would be in the existence of the ultimate holders of supreme power. For, admitting to the utmost a national possession of sovereignty, still it is by being organized into States in Union that the nation has held its sovereignty. If it were not for the express grant of power in this clause, the ordinary admission of a new State into the Union would seem beyond the powers of Congress and referable only to the individual consent of the States; at least in the same degree as an amendment to the Constitution. According to any theory which ascribes national existence to a compact between the States, the parties contracted with each other as such and such individuals, and not with any others, to whom the original parties might cede their places. If, hereafter, the number of the States should be greatly increased by the process of division, it would indicate a popular abandonment of State rights theories of union, and the frequent recognition of such a power in Congress over State existence would of itself tend greatly to a centralizing subordination of the State organizations under the General Government. The comparative political strength of the States as against the General Government would certainly be diminished by a large increase in their number by this method. Imagine the existing States cut up into such as should correspond in size with the average of New-England States—the Federal element in the Union would appear much weakened. Whatsever guarantees they might have in the written Constitution, they would seem to have approached the condition of counties in relation to the General Government. On the other hand, the effect of cases of the consolidation of two or more contiguous States would be to intensify the federative aspect of the national existence.

Looking merely to the individual interests of the private citizen, there is much that might be urged in favor of consolidation of smaller States, in some instances. Leaving out of view their comparative weight in the General Government, by representation in the Senate, what advantage is it to the people of New-England to have the apparatus of six State Governments, where two, or even one, would answer all purposes of a State Government, and even, in all probability, give them better law, administration and commercial facilities than they now have? The same interests which would work against the consolidation of any two or more States, may also operate in favor of a division of existing States. The large and increasing class which lives by running the political machinery of the country would favor an increase of that machinery. The voter will be apt to think that his individual power or importance will be magnified by being brought into closer contact with the elected rulers. The catch-words, local self-government, can always be invoked in favor of a diffusive distribution of governmental powers; and the American has been trained in the belief that the smaller the community in which he is a member, the more likely he is to have his own way. Experience might show that, whereas in large communities the will of the majority is generally acknowledged as giving equal law for all, in smaller communities the will of majorities often seems tyranny to minorities. In these the personality of the ruler and the ruled becomes more apparent. In a little State, like Rhode Island, political warfare is also a family feud. The multiplication of States might go on to that degree that the burdens of local political authority should cause the people to wish the States reduced to dependent municipal corporations, and look to centralization, as offering better security for individual liberty.

In the present condition of the country it is pertinent to ask whether the question of a State's divisibility is not essentially different as the State may or may not have been concerned in the rebellion. The reconstruction legislation of Congress is, I should say, to be maintained, on the supposition that the States in the Confederacy reverted to the Union in the condition of territory of the United States, and that in restoring those "States to their practical relations to the Union," as the phrase has been, Congress really exercised the power of admitting new States, mentioned in the article above quoted. I believe Mr. STEVENS took this ground when he proposed to create two or more States out of Texas. It has often suggested itself to me as desirable that Congress should, in the course of reconstruction, have shown, by some irrevocable measure, that this theory was the foundation of their action. This might have been shown to a certain extent by establishing at first Governments of the territorial pattern, instead of the nominally provisional *State* Governments. But a more impressive and enduring assertion of the doctrine might have been given by the creation of a separate Territory, with entirely new name and new boundaries, within the former limits of these States, and by its subsequent admission as a distinct State. This might have been done in the case of Texas, as proposed by Mr. STEVENS. It was, however, a condition in the resolution of Congress for the admission of Texas in 1845, that "new States of convenient size, not exceeding four in number, in addition to said State of Texas, and having sufficient population, may hereafter, by the consent of said State, be formed out of the territory thereof, which shall be entitled to admission under the provisions of the Federal Constitution." It would have been a more expressive monument of the political effect of secession, had a Territory been formed of the region lying on the southern extremity of the Alleghany chain, comprehending the contiguous parts of Southeastern Virginia, Western North Carolina, Eastern Tennessee and Northern Georgia, with a corner from the northwestern part of South Carolina, equal together in extent to an average-sized State; which should have been separately organized and governed as a Territory of the United States, at least until the surrounding districts out of which it had been taken should have reorganized under their old names as States; and which afterward should have been admitted as a separate State under the new name, *Dixie*, if you like, which it might have received as a Territory. Much might be urged in favor of the creation of a new State in this locality. Had a Territory under the direct administration of the national authority been erected there, at the close of the war, it would immediately have drawn immigration suited to its soil and capabilities, and would probably have had a prosperity of its own even before the surrounding planting regions had accommodated themselves to the new condition of things. It would very soon have had all the characteristics of those States in which negro slavery has been long unknown. This region was not adapted to slave labor, and never received from the States among which it has been parceled, and which were controlled by the planting interest, such legislation as was calculated to develop its resources.

May it not still be inquired whether all power over reconstruction in this quarter has passed out of the hands of Congress? If this power has in reality been derivable from the power to establish Territorial Governments and to admit new States, who can say that any such new State has as yet been created in the territory of the former seceding States? The admission of Western Virginia was really a political manœuvre, contrary to all principles previously recognized. If Tennessee became territory, has the State been properly readmitted?

It is commonly supposed that the assertion of the territorial condition in this case must be founded on the doctrine of a conquest of the Southern States. Mr. STEVENS, I believe, based all his action in reconstruction upon this idea. But this theory of conquest involves recognition of the political capacity of these States to engage in international war, and of their right to command the military services of their citizens against the Union, and involves the conclusion that there has been no rebellion on the part of those citizens against the United States. It is to declare the doctrine, for all time to come, that the citizen of each State, in the like case, is bound "to go with his State," or owes allegiance to his State. It is an *ex post facto* recognition of the political independence of the Confederacy. The real foundation of this territorial theory, as well as of Congressional reconstruction, as it is, indeed, the real justification of the war on the part of the North, is, I think, in the doctrine or primary fact in our public law, that the States have no political existence except as they continue in the voluntary Union with the other States, and that, in refusing to be one of the United States, a State abdicates (and as any other possessor of sovereign power, it is capable of abdicating) its entire sovereignty or political power, and (failing a successful rebellion) becomes territory of the United States, that is, of the States which remain in voluntary Union, and have the strength to maintain their just dominion over this territory.

It would be as leaving a perpetual monument of this doctrine, not of conquest or subjugation; a memorial that secession is State self-destruction, that I should advocate the formation of a new central State formed as above described of portions of five of the former seceding States. In connection with the recent proposal to divide Tennessee, and with the prospect of difficulties about Georgia, the time may be at hand when the creation of such a State, on a territorial basis, may be worthy of consideration.

J. C. H.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Revival of Business and Confidence—Free Labor a Success—Commercial Aspirations of Charleston—Senator Sprague Investing Largely in South Carolina — Magical Effects of the Announcement.

From Our Own Correspondent.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Monday, Jan. 4, 1869.

At no time, certainly, within the last decade, has the South entered upon a new year with so cheery a spirit, or with prospects so substantial as now. Much has been published in the Northern papers of late concerning the revival of business and of confidence throughout this section; but the rapidity and extent of the long-desired change can only be fully appreciated by those who have had opportunities for observing and contrasting the present condition of all classes of the Southern people with their condition twelve months ago. Seldom, indeed, have the rose-colored promises of politicians, as to the benefits to follow the success of a particular party, met with so striking and liberal a fulfillment as in the case of the Republican speakers during the Presidential canvass. Since the election of GRANT the masses at the South have incontinently cast aside all thought of politics, and have betaken themselves with an earnestness surprisingly at variance with their spirit and habits in the past, to the development and utilization of the wonderful resources of their teeming soil. A glance at the local newspapers, which are, in a measure, the reflex of popular sentiment, will at once show how complete has been the reaction in this respect. The terms "Radical" and "Democrat" have absolutely disappeared from their columns, and the constant burden of the song-editorial now consists of such practical themes as manufactures, railroad development, mining, improved modes of agriculture, and municipal and State economy. The new and healthy direction in which the public mind is thus tending is a subject of congratulation among all thinking men, and, together with the generally auspicious result of the year's planting, has put a brighter face upon every department of Southern industry.

THE FREE LABOR QUESTION

may at length be said to be substantially solved. Even those planters who have been most wedded to the theory that, except as a slave, the negro was worthless for agricultural labor, now admit that the freedmen bid fair to become in time a laboring class quite as efficient and far more profitable than they ever were previous to their emancipation. For a few years to come there may be more or less irregularity in their habits; but the influence of emulation, now that they are the masters of their own destinies, and the example of those of their fellows who by industry, steadiness and thrift have risen to competence and respectability, is already so apparent as to leave little doubt that ten years hence our negro population will have made great strides in the path of advancement which their freedom has opened to them. If anything were wanting to reconcile the people to the new order of things throughout the South, we have the indisputable fact that in this State, (and likewise, I believe, in the other Southern States,) the crops of the past year, though considerably less in amount than in some of the previous years, have, owing to enhanced prices and the more economical habits of the producers, brought far more money into the country than was ever before realized from the yield of a single season. In estimating the value of this result as a stimulus to future exertion, it must be remembered that the State is just emerging from a protracted period of poverty and despondency, and that these first symptoms of returning prosperity were almost as unexpected as they are gratifying.

RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT

is a subject which is just now attracting an extraordinary degree of attention all over the South, but more especially in this city and State. The Carolinians profess to see a great future before their metropolis. They point to what a well-managed railway system has done for New-York and Baltimore, and confident in the abounding resources of the vast tract of country which they expect to make tributary to their commerce, they claim that the links of connection now in course of construction must speedily give to Charleston the foremost place among Southern cities. Steadily and surely her through railroad lines are pushing their way through the great cotton regions of Alabama and Southwestern Georgia; and within the last few weeks several car-loads of cotton have actually reached here (without transhipment on the route) from Vicksburg and other points on the Father of Waters. The development of this through system of transportation, both in respect to the cheapening and the quickening of freights, is receiving constant and assiduous attention at the hands of the progressive men of Charleston; and their efforts are beginning to tell. Mobile is already howling over her diminished receipts, and Savannah, which owing to temporary causes, for a time aspired to rival Charleston after the close of the war, beholds with dismay the stream of cotton seeking the old channels, from which she is no longer able to divert it. Nor is the ambition of the Charlestonians limited to grasping much of the commercial wealth which was formerly poured into the Gulf ports. They contend that the completion of the Blue Ridge Railroad (which will make almost an air-line between this city and Cincinnati) will give to the great Northwest the benefit of their magnificent harbor, as the nearest and most accessible of the Atlantic seaports. This line of communication will not be liable, like those in more Northern latitudes, to be blocked up by the snows of midwinter; and Charleston looks for a goodly share of the grain and produce trade of Cincinnati to seek deep water at her wharves. The realization of this scheme has been adopted by Gov. SCOTT as the pet project of his administration, and the ardor with which he is pushing on an enterprise which promises so well for their future, has perhaps done as much as any other one thing to convince the white people of South Carolina that the Republican State Government is not, after all, the unmixed evil they had been taught to regard it.

MANUFACTURING ENTERPRISES

are exciting much attention, especially in the upper section of the State. The recent articles in the TIMES in regard to cotton manufacture in the South have been republished here, and were read with universal interest. The visit of Senator SPRAGUE has also been fruitful of encouragement to those who have ventured to embark their capital in our mills and factories. Your readers have doubtless seen statements of the delight expressed by that distinguished capitalist at the opportunities for advantageous investment which fell under his observation in South Carolina. He has proved his faith by his works. Since his return to the North, his agent has (jointly, I believe, with Gov. SCOTT) made large purchases of real estate in Columbia; and a letter to-day brings the gratifying intelligence that he has bought the fine water-power of the Columbia Canal, with sufficient land for the erection of one or more large cotton mills, which, it is understood, will be begun at once. The letter conveying the announcement of the consummation of the arrangement had caused a rise of about 100 per cent. in the price of real estate in Columbia. The property-holders, I think, scarcely exaggerate the importance of the movement. Q.

TENNESSEE.

A Division of the State not at all Probable—Reasons for Reviving the Project—Our National Cemeteries as Burial Places for Dead Mules and Horses—Railroad and Industrial Enterprises—Tennessee River Improvement Convention.

From Our Own Correspondent.

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Thursday, Jan. 7, 1869.

The movement lately begun, reviving the project of dividing the State of Tennessee, will not likely be successful. Some two years ago the matter was earnestly canvassed by East Tennesseans. A Convention was held and the whole subject thoroughly discussed, but nothing further was done. While it is true that East Tennessee would be much better off as a separate State, that the divisions of the State have but few interests in common, it is also true that there are many grave reasons in a national view why the division should not be made. So far as the people of the State are concerned, there would probably be but little trouble in securing the consent of all interes ed. The political disabilities under which the great mass of the white voters of Middle and West Tennessee rest, were placed upon them through the power and influence of East Tennesseans. Those disabilities cannot be removed in a constitutional way save by the consent of this same section; and this consent, judging from the present temper of our political leaders, will not soon be given. The speediest method by which the disfranchised people of the other sections can be relieved of their disabilities is by a division of the State; and hence the perfect willingness, or rather the great anxiety, of those sections to have this "way ward sister depart." East Tennessee, on the other hand, certain that her present political predominence cannot long be maintained, and exceedingly well pleased with the sweet taste of power she has enjoyed, now seeks sovereign and undisputed authority in a separate Government. This desire is shared by politicians and people alike. So far, then, as Tennessee has any voice in the question, the different sections could all be suited; but I apprehend the views presented by the TIMES are shared by the great majority of national legislators, and that if the matter ever goes so far as to be presented to Congress, that body would not give the necessary consent, and therefore I conclude the project will fail.

There is a general belief here and elsewhere in the South, and it has been repeatedly brought to my notice, that the parties employed by the Government to gather the bodies of dead soldiers into the national cemeteries practice fraud upon the authorities in this, that they gather up bodies of dead persons and even of animals, coffin them and deposit them in the cemeteries for the remains of deceased soldiers. They are paid by the grave, and well paid, and of course it is to their interest to make as many graves as possible. There are in the cemetery at this point a large number of "unknown" graves. Most of the soldiers buried in East Tennessee died in camp or in hospitals, and in most cases some care was taken to deposit with the body something which would for many years identify it. In a great many instances boards were plainly marked and well planted by the graves, and with these precautions I think nearly all of the soldiers buried in East Tennessee can be identified. Where there were great battles fought many were buried with no means of identifying them, and in cemeteries made up largely of graves of men killed in battle there are many "unknown" bodies. It might be well enough, if this matter was brought to the attention of the proper authorities, that some measures be taken to know if we are spending money every year in decorating and caring for spots where the bones of abandoned and worn-out Government mules are buried. If there are men mean enough to do such things, it is worth a little trouble and expense to the Government to expose them.

A Convention called by the Governors of Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Missouri and Iowa, for the purpose of securing legislation and appropriations from Congress to clear the Tennessee River of all obstructions, is to meet at Chattanooga on the 24th of next month.

At a meeting held in this city a few days ago, some interesting facts were given by Major T. KEARY, secretary to Col. GAW, one of the engineers engaged in the work. This river, the largest in size and importance in the United States, draining thousands of miles of rich country, with the obstructions between Chattanooga and Florence removed, would be one of the most valuable inland bodies of water in the States. Major KEARY's statements show that the $60,000 appropriated last year by Congress have been very judiciously expended. A number of the Congressional party that, two years ago, made their excursion to New-Orleans, visited these obstructions and know their nature and extent. The Convention will be largely attended and, I hope, will secure the object they have in view.

Another effort is to be made to secure from the Legislature further appropriations for our Knoxville and Kentucky and Knoxville and Charleston Railroads. The Omnibus Appropriation bill of last month was defeated by the Louisville and Nashville and Memphis Roads. The second effort will probably succeed.

I saw, a few days since, a splendid, rich and large specimen of iron ore, from the property concerning which I read a report of Prime Welsh, minister and mineralogist from Chile. The discovery is the finest I ever saw, and will, if it proves as rich in Pennsylvania and elsewhere, prospecting for an iron rail rolling mill, if it will, no doubt, be built. The rail roads now in operation and those building in East Tennessee will, of themselves, give work to a mill of large capacity. The people and the Legislature of Tennessee have the proper spirit in regard to such enterprises. Our legislators went so far, a few days ago, as to pass an act providing that any company that would expend, or lay out in cash, $25,000 or more, should be exempt from taxation for ten years. This shows their spirit, if not their wisdom. The former is certainly praiseworthy, and should discourage idiotic cries that here capitalists or laborers were not wanted. OMEGA.

SIAM.

The Death of the King—Some of His Characteristics—His Love of Astronomy—The Successor to the Throne.

From the Newark Advertiser.

The following interesting account is taken from a private letter recently written to her friends in this city by a Newark lady, now a missionary in Siam:

You have doubtless before this, through the ocean telegraph, heard of the death of the King of Siam on the 1st of October. If he had lived till the 18th he would have completed his sixty-fourth year. His favorite science was astronomy, and in his love and zeal for it, he went to Hua Wan," on the coast of the Gulf of Siam, to witness the great solar eclipse of Aug. 18. This was his last public act. He gave a general invitation to foreigners to go, and provided handsomely for them at an expense of $96,000. He seemed to enjoy all very much, and was very accurate in the astronomical observations he made. Little did he think, amid the pomp and pageantry of his state receptions in an extemporized pavilion on that remote shore, that he was then and there inhaling poisoned air, which would, soon and forever, end these displays of royal grandeur, but so it proved. Shortly after his return to his palace here he was seized with fever, and refusing to put himself under the care of foreign physicians, but trusting entirely to native prescriptions, it soon terminated fatally.

We feared that there would be more than one aspirant to the throne, and consequently some confusion. But you will be happy to learn that KALAHOME, Prime Minister, who is so energetic and prudent, as he is powerful, took the lead in matters, nominated the successor, and gave all the necessary orders to preserve the peace. The oldest son of his late Majesty, Prince WANG, born in 1858, just fifteen years ago, was unanimously chosen by the grand state council of princes and nobles, to be their future King. Prince GRO. WASHINGTON, the oldest son of the late Second King, who died about two years and a half ago, was also chosen to fill his father's place, as the "Wangnah" or Second King. He is just 20 years of age. This is now the 11th Siamese month. Eleven is an odd number, and therefore an unlucky one, so the coronation ceremonies cannot take place till next month.

A few days since, we with some others of the missionaries, gentlemen and ladies, obtained permission through the American Consul, and went to pay our respects to the royal remains as they lie, or rather sit in state in the royal pavilion. There, in a golden urn, on a raised throne, with all the paraphernalia of royalty around him—with the golden betel box and tray, the golden tea-set, the pipes inlaid with diamonds, and other costly things which he daily used, spread out before him, was all that remained of His Majesty. At stated times through the day, and every night the women of the palace go there to wail and mourn. A sad event it is to them, especially to the hundreds of wives and numerous children of the deceased. About thirty of these wives are the mothers of his sixty or more children now living. With their elder brother on the throne, the younger and sisters will, probably be provided for. However large the private fortune of their royal father may have been, there are so many to share it that each cannot have any great amount.

While at the palace, we also went to pay our respects to the young King elect. We were all introduced by the Consul, and His Majesty received us standing, shook hands with us all, thanked us in English for our good wishes and congratulations upon his accession to the throne, and then excused himself, saying he was very weak. He, too, has been ill with fever ever since his return from the astronomical tour. He looks very feeble, and may not live to be crowned. His new title is "Soboth Pradhiwat, luke yah tar chow fah, krom koon pechit pra Chamat."

The King of Siam has almost unlimited power. His treasury was overflowing. He was by no means ignorant of the sciences, nor a stranger to the luxuries of civilized life. But alas! for him, to all his other gifts, that of immortality was not added. "Chow Chewit," or Lord of Life, was one of his titles. Lord he was of the lives of his subjects, but not of his own. Since the King's death you see all the Siamese with shaven heads. It is their way of showing respect for the dead. You cannot imagine how strangely they look. They must remain every month for a year. If the phrenologist FOWLER were here he could study heads to his heart's content. H. M. H.

Invention of a New Compass Which is Not Affected by Local Attraction.

From the Richmond Enquirer and Examiner, Jan. 8.

We have already mentioned that a citizen of Roanoke County, Va., Mr. SAMUEL CUTTER, had invented a compass, which he claims will fulfill the grand desideratum of navigation, in furnishing a needle which does not deviate from the magnetic meridian under the influence of local attraction, whether that attraction results from iron in the construction of the ship, or iron in the cargo, or any other source of local attraction. It professes to do four things: 1. To show the presence of a local attraction, (which no other compass does;) 2. To show the direction of the local attraction; 3. To show the extent of the local attraction; 4. To indicate, under all circumstances, the magnetic meridian as truly as does any other compass when under no local influence. This compass is entirely different in construction from any other compass hitherto used. It consists of three systems of magnetized needles, arranged in different horizontal planes. The upper is composed of two magnetized bars, connected with a graduated card, like an ordinary compass. The card needles are attached to an axle. The two lower systems of magnetized needles are attached also to an axle—both to the same axle. The lowest system consists of about a dozen magnetized bars, arranged (with similar piles) in the same direction, and attached to a perpendicular (graduated) rod. The middle system of needles consists of two magnetized bars, attached to the perpendicular rod and slides up and down this rod. When placed on board of an iron ship, for example, the middle system of needles is adjusted at a point on the rod which repels the upper needle back to the magnetic meridian. It is only necessary to adjust this middle system of needles with reference to the local attraction existing on board of that particular ship. Any change in the direction of the ship makes any difference in the pointing of the upper needle, while the lower systems—which have a graduated card attached to the upper end of the axles to which they are attached, which card indicates the movements of the two lower systems of needles—traverse like an ordinary compass.

The Baltimore *Sun* says that the compass and its operations were exhibited Wednesday in an excursion of a number of gentlemen down the river in the United States revenue cutter *James Guthrie*, Capt. HUNTER. The compass was subjected to tests which seemed to those present to establish what has been claimed for it.

The New Bishop of Albany.

From the Troy Times, Jan. 9.

It was announced by telegraph yesterday afternoon, that the Standing Committee of Pennsylvania had unanimously refused to give their assent to the consecration of Dr. DOANE as Bishop of the Diocese of Albany. It may not be known to our readers that the consent of a majority of all the dioceses in this country (thirty-nine in number) is required previous to the consecration of any Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Dr. DOANE's nomination has already been confirmed by the required majority, and the publication of the dispatch referred to was doubtless intended simply as a personal announce. It does not, and cannot, affect the general result. The consent of the majority of the Bishops and the Standing Committees of the several dioceses is required as a safeguard against the possibility of a single diocese choosing a grossly improper person for Bishop. But this power is intended only to be resorted to in extreme cases, and where the person chosen has certain moral or theological faults which the Church at large cannot overlook; else the right of each diocese to elect its own Bishop would be infringed, and the election of all Bishops be actually made by the general voice of all the dioceses, in violation of any local preference. The matter of choosing or preferring one man over another is the prerogative of each diocese, and the power given so the collected voice of all the dioceses should be invoked to prevent a Bishop elect being consecrated only upon grounds sufficient to depose a Bishop when actually consecrated.

Military Men in Office.

From the Detroit Advertiser.

There is a bill now pending in the Senate that we do not understand. Its *prima facie* object is to prevent officers of the army and navy from holding any civil offices. Does it apply to U. S. GRANT, the General? Is it to legislate Secretary SCHOFIELD out of office? Have military men been conspicuous as failures in office? Is it necessary to legislate against national gratitude for fear of an excess in the exhibition of it? Hitherto we have made much of the justice of putting our brave defenders in office, but now the policy is to be changed, as appears from the bill now pending in the Senate. Pretty soon some speeches will be made upon it, and then we shall find out what is meant.

A Scrambulazing Post Office.

The Kingston (N. Y.) *Argus* says that a Post Office official, while on a tour of inspection among the Post Offices in that county recently, came to a settlement, and on inquiring for the Postmaster at his house, was informed by his wife that he was at work in the field. He was shortly found, and upon inquiring for the Post Office, the former Postmaster uncovered his head and took from his hat several letters. This office is located at Turnwood, in this county, and was the only portable office on the Post master's rye in his travels. The same paper says that as one of the country offices the Postmaster, not being able to sell the requisite number of postage stamps to increase his salary by the use of ordinary means, resorts to strategy to accomplish that result. He purchases a number of new books annually for that purpose, and then selling enough of them to raise his salary—the extraordinary one at that.

LOUISIANA.

Message of Gov. Warmoth—The Late Election—State Finances.

We make the following extracts from the annual message of Gov. H. C. WARMOTH to the Louisiana Legislature:

In many parishes the late election was the occasion of most disgraceful acts of intimidation, culminating in several instances in scenes of massacre shocking to the sense of civilized men, and only finding parallels in the annals of savage warfare. These instances of savage cruelty, unprovoked, but willful and premeditated, seem to have been instigated by the hostility of certain classes to the laws of Congress by which the Government has embodied the colored population into the body politic and vouchsafed to them equal civil and political rights. This sentiment, even beyond what was, perhaps, intended by its authors, produced such terror and dismay throughout large portions of the State, that the election was worse than a farce, for it was a crime against the whole people. The injury done our material interests by the occurrences immediately preceding the election, is second only to that inflicted by the same leaders in their wicked efforts to destroy the nation. These occurrences impair the confidence of our fellow-citizens abroad in our devotion to the Union. They diverted emigration and capital from us, injured our credit, demoralized our laboring classes, diminished our commerce, sowed the seeds of personal discord which will require years to eradicate, and produced a general feeling of insecurity and distrust, preventing thousands from voting, while hundreds were compelled to vote a ticket repugnant to their convictions and destructive to their civil liberty. The State Government, stripped by act of Congress of the right exercised by all but ten States of the Union—that of organizing militia for the enforcement of its laws—was compelled to rely entirely upon the General Government for force with which to maintain its authority. Foreseeing the complications which were likely to arise from the temper of a large class of our population, growing out of the hostility to the newly enfranchised race, and the sudden transition from military government, under which we had lived for eight years, to civil government, the Legislature passed a joint resolution instructing the Governor of the State to call upon the President, in accordance with section 4 of article 4 of the Constitution of the United States, for a force with which to maintain the authority of the Government and execution of the law. In my letter transmitting your resolution to the President, I informed him of the numerous murders recently committed in the State, of the armed secret political organizations then in active existence, and of their purposes, of the insecurity of life and property, and of the inability of the State Government, owing to the act of Congress prohibiting the use of militia, and the disorganized situation of the new Government, to enforce the statutes and protect the people. Under the Constitution and laws of the Government it was manifestly the duty of the President to comply with the demand of the State, and forward an adequate force for the purposes stated, even if he had called out the militia of the several States. While his treatment of your demand was respectful, he nevertheless exhibited his wonted sympathy for the enforcing people of our State, and returned, in answer to your appeal for troops, orders which might be construed to mean something in Georgia, but which in Louisiana might be said to consist only of words. These orders were made public and served only to inform the lawless that they need have no fear from that quarter, and to encourage them in their desperate schemes to the fruitful of their purpose.

THE STATE DEBT.

The statement of the debt, made by the Treasurer on the 19th of November, shows that the total bonded debt of the State, exclusive of the bonds owned by the State and held by the Treasurer, is $6,771,200. This sum might be reduced $371,000 by the sale of consolidated city bonds and city railroad bonds, which have, from time to time, been purchased, and are now held and owned by the State for the school, seminary and redemption of the State debt funds. The total debt of the State is estimated by the Treasurer at $1,920,800 62, for the entire payment of which the Legislature at its last session passed an act levying a special tax of one per cent. on the movable and immovable property of the State, to be collected upon the assessment of 1867, the latest assessment at the time completed. In payment of this tax it is provided that all State notes, past due coupons and the warrants of the Auditor on the Treasurer shall be receivable. It is expected that enough will be received from this tax to discharge the entire floating debt and leave a surplus of $400,000. The estimated receipts from all sources for the year 1869, based upon the assessment rolls of 1867, amounting to $251,000,000, under the present rates of taxation will amount to $1,892,750, while the expenditures, including interest on bonds, according to the general Appropriation bill, will amount to $1,945,788, leaving a deficit at the end of the year of $53,038, which it is expected will be liquidated by the special tax of one per cent. which, if realized, will entirely relieve the Treasury, and enable the State in future to meet its liabilities, and pay current expenses for support of the Government, without resort to an increase of taxation. A disposition has been manifested by some of the people not to pay this special tax, and, indeed, there was an association organized to resist its collection; but it has since transpired that the President of the Association, himself a very large taxpayer, with a large number of the leading members, had been most prompt in paying it, and the opposition suddenly died out. The mode of enforcing the collection of taxes is very imperfect and inefficient. It is one of the first duties of the citizen to promptly pay his assessment to support the Government. When the State has to buy on credit it has much to pay in the end. If a citizen does not pay his taxes according to law, his property should be seized and sold to some one who will discharge the obligations due to the State. Our debts amount to less than that of almost any other State in the Union. With a tax roll of $251,000,000—with bonded indebtedness which can be at once reduced to $6,000,000—there is no reason that our credit should not be at par, except the turbulent disposition manifested by a large portion of our population. This will gradually subside. The recent good crops will increase the value of our property and the wealth of the people. Our inviting soil and climate will stimulate immigration, so that we can safely predict that within two years the State will be restored to something like its former prosperity.

THE ACCIDENT IN ROCHESTER.

Funeral of Six of the Killed—Verdict of the Coroner's Jury.

From the Rochester Chronicle, Jan. 9.

Six of the persons killed in the late accident at the St. Peter and St. Paul's School, on Maple-street, on Wednesday evening, were buried yesterday, their obsequies being observed jointly at the St. Peter and St. Paul's Church. Nearly all of the Catholic clergy of the city were present and assisted in the ceremonies, which were solemn and impressive. Solemn high mass was said, at the close of which Rev. Father BARRY administered the absolution. A requiem was sung and the sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. PLAVIS. The address was a most affecting and eloquent one. The attendance was very large, and it was found necessary to exclude all children except those who were mourners. The exercises were frequently interrupted by the sobbing of the relatives and friends, and such an occasion was never before witnessed in this city. The cortege, also, was such a one as we hope never to see again. Six bodies were borne to their graves in the two cemeteries, viz.: St. Peter and St. Paul's burying ground and the Holy Family Cemetery, both situate in the western part of the city, near the line of the town of Gates. In the former were buried Mr. and Mrs. DONNER, Mrs. GEORGE RINCK and KATE LAWRENCE. In the last named cemetery were interred the remains of GEORGE POPP and Mrs. SWANN. The bearers were: For KATE LAWRENCE, six girls dressed in white with crape sashes; for Mr. and Mrs. DONNER members of the St. Francis Xavier Society, of which Mr. DONNER was Secretary; for Mr. POPP, members of the St. Peter and St. Paul's Society; for Mrs. SWANN and Mrs. RINCK, friends of the deceased belonging to the Society. Every sorrowful and sympathetic heart mourns the loss of friends and relatives by all concerned.

The funeral of MAGGIE WEBB will take place from the same church this morning at 9:30 o'clock.

THE INQUEST.

The Coroner's inquest was resumed yesterday. Last evening the jury retired for deliberation, and returned with the following verdict:

"That the deceased came to their deaths by the falling of the front part of the second floor of the building or school-house of the St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, situated on East Maple-street, in this city; and this said accident occurred by the giving way of a brick pier supporting the columns and floors above, and that said pier was well built and would have been safe if it had been provided with a proper stone cap. The testimony taken also shows culpable neglect on the part of the parties having charge of the erection of the basement. We also find that the stone block on top of the broken pier was defective, and ought not to have been used."

The Kind of Immigrants Needed in California.

From the San Francisco Alta California.

A friend who is in business on an extensive scale in this city, tells us that he is in receipt almost daily of letters from young men at the East, asking his advice about coming to California. By far the greater number of the writers have no trade or regular business or profession, but hope to find something to do as clerks in dry goods stores, or "light work," by which they can earn a living. Now, to all such persons we say, in the kindest spirit but most emphatic manner: Stay away from California! There is not the slightest opening for you here. The Labor Exchange has hundreds of orders constantly on its books for skilled laborers, mechanics of every description, miners, farm hands, teamsters, and in fact all classes of men and women capable of doing honest work, willing to devote their resources of the country, and "making two blades of grass grow where but one grew before;" but for men, young or old, who are unable or afraid to do hard work, and who think it more respectable to stand smirking behind a counter than to earn a living by the sweat of their brows, there is no place here. If you have not learned a trade at home, this is no place for you to come to learn one. While the wages of skilled labor here are highly remunerative, there is no one who has time or patience to spare in teaching any business or trade to the new beginner. If you have capital to invest, either in the shape of money or skill, here is the place for you; if not, stay away.

A DEADLY COMPOUND.

Horrible Death of a Girl from Burning—Stuff Sold as Kerosene Oil Found to be Almost Pure Benzine.

TABITHA T. CROFFEE, a girl 11 years of age, resided with her aunt, MARGARET CROFFEE, at No. 97 Clinton-street. Monday evening last, about 10 o'clock, the girl was engaged in filling a lamp with kerosene oil, purchased of SAMUEL SCHOOMMACHER, No. 494 Grand-street, when the mixture exploded, and in a moment she was wrapped in flames. She rushed into the hallway, where a man threw a quilt around her and succeeded in stifling the flames, but not until she had been so horribly burned that she died of the injuries within a few days. Thus far the affair was only one of those kerosene accidents constantly occurring, which pass dismissed with a paragraph. In this instance, however, Coroner KEENAN determined to make a searching investigation, and in consequence a startling result was reached at the inquest held yesterday at the Thirteenth Precinct Station-house. With a view to arriving at decisive results, the Coroner had, on the previous day, caused a bottle of the kerosene oil to be purchased at the store of SCHOOMMACHER, and this bottle was produced at the inquest.

After the aunt, MARGARET CROFFEE, had testified as to the circumstances of the death, and that she had bought the oil of SCHOOMMACHER, a most important witness was called:

Gaiseppe Tagliabbe, testified: I am a barometer-maker, doing business at No. 202 Pearl-street, and manufacture an instrument for testing kerosene oil called the pyrometer; I am familiar with the properties of the oil; I have tested the oil taken from the can shown, and find the vaporizing point to be 68 degrees, and the burning point to be 80 degrees; the vaporizing point should be at least 96 degrees, and the burning point 110 degrees; the specimen taken from the bottle I have examined, and find the vaporizing point to be 66 degrees, and the burning point about the same; it is almost pure benzine, and is extremely dangerous to burn in lamps; the price of it per gallon is 20 cents.

Samuel Schoommacher, being sworn, said: that he keeps a paint store at No. 494 Grand-street, where he has sold kerosene oil for eighteen months past, and that he has dealt in the article for ten years; he then says: I consider myself a judge of oil, and buy none but the best; I buy direct from Keiser & Co., back of Williamsburg, and have for fifteen months; the regular market price of the article was 35 cents, I think; I sell from three to five barrels per week; I don't recollect of ever seeing the can shown; I used to test my oil, but do not now, as I feel I can depend on the refineries.

Adam Keiser, being sworn said: I am an oil refiner, and my refinery is at the corner of Ninth Tenth and Fifth streets, Brooklyn, E. D.; I refine kerosene oil from crude petroleum, and I sell to Mr. Schoommacher; I test all I refine by a regular tester, (Tagliabbe's,) and I don't sell it unless it will stand the 110-degree test.

Dr. Wenzer Beck testified as to the condition of the body of the deceased when he made an examination, and that death had resulted from exhaustion from burns.

With this testimony as to the death and the properties of the oil, the jury rendered the following verdict: "That the said TABITHA T. CROFFEE came to her death by explosion of a lamp containing a mixture of kerosene and benzine on the 4th day of January, 1869. We find the manufacturers of the mixture, ADAM KEISER and WILLIAM LEMPERENER, also the vendor of the same, SAMUEL SCHOOMMACHER, guilty of culpable negligence. We further recommend that proper means be taken to have all kerosene oil retailed in this City properly tested before its sale."

In adversating the jury prior to the rendition of this verdict, Coroner KEENAN called their attention to the fact that a law was passed by the Legislature in 1866 prohibiting the keeping for sale of kerosene oils not standing tests. Pure kerosene oil, the Coroner said, had been shown by the testimony to be perfectly harmless, and from the great number of accidents constantly occurring from the use of adulterated as kerosene oil, it was evident that a vast amount of impure and dangerous oil was being sold in this City, and he considered it the duty of the Coroners' juries to protect the community from this explosive compound.

The jury having concided in these views of the Coroner, and having in their verdict charged the manufacturers and vendor with a grave offense, Coroner KEENAN placed KEISER, LABENBERGER and SCHOOMMACHER under arrest, requiring the two first to give bail in the sum of $5,000 each, and the latter in the sum of $2,500. They were, however, released upon their own recognizances until to-day, when they will be required to give the proper bonds.

ILLEGAL VOTING.

Further Developments—Sheriff O'Brien Superintendent Kennedy and the Congressional Committee.

Our readers have been advised of the bold attempt made by Sheriff O'BRIEN, on Thursday last, to impede

nesday night there were thirty-one lamps in the Forty-eighth Precinct alone not lighted. The street lamps appear to be getting into the same condition of dilapidation as they had reached in 1868.

STATION-HOUSE LODGERS.—On Saturday night sixty persons, destitute of homes, sought shelter in the Station-houses. Of these fifty-four were men and six were women.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT CALENDARS FOR MONDAY.

SUPREME COURT—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Barbour, P. J., Sutherland and Barnard, JJ.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Preferred Causes and Enumerated Motions.

Nos.		Nos.	
1—	Nassau Bank vs. Broadway Bank.	45—	Beckler, ex'r, &c., vs. Mutual Benevolent Life Ins. Co.
18—	Fassnacht vs. Swift.	61—	Firth et al. vs. Campbell et al.
23—	Wilkes et al. vs. Sun Mutual Ins. Co.	65—	Devoe et al. vs. Merchant et al.
29—	Tax Payers, &c., vs. Hoppock et al.	68—	Hunter et al. vs. Randall.
38—	Olmstead, President, &c., vs. Ackerman.	69—	Bishop vs. Taggart et al.
39—	Overton vs. Long Island R. R. Co.	70—	Thomas vs. et al. vs. Parker.
44—	Wilkes et al. vs. Sun Mutual Ins. Co.	86—	Bartholomew vs. Terry.
89—	Barnhalomew vs. Terry.		

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.

Held by Cardozo, J.—Court opens at 10:30 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1254—	Cass vs. Balt. & Ohio	968—	Robinson vs. Kelly, Sheriff.
1288—	Atkins vs. Disconiore, President, &c.	969—	Heusner vs. Stern.
1290—	Fraser et al. vs. Young et al.	970—	McCready vs. Leary et al.
1292—	Hyland vs. Lynch, Sheriff, &c.	971—	Stringer vs. Dwyer.
1299—	Bevins et al. vs. Marston et al.	1021—	Carman et al. vs. Peters et al.
931—	Duval et al. vs. Wood et al.	1025—	Rice vs. Horace et al.
932—	Thomas et al. vs. Godde	1035—	St. Nicholas National Bank vs. Stevens, impleaded, &c.
1042—	Kuttner vs. Kelly, Sheriff.	1037—	Reynolds vs. Weldon.
1049—	Chapman vs. Kelly, Sheriff.	1051—	Indemnity Fire Ins. Co. vs. Mar. Ins. Co.
		1055—	Pub. vs. Smith, imp'd.
		1061—	Holdredge vs. Webb.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.

Held by Barnard, J.—Court opens at 10 A. M.—Call of Calendar at 12 M.

Reserved Cases.

Nos.		Nos.	
62—	Mellenhauer vs. Mittlemauer.	109—	Tachuns vs. Pell.
82—	Doherty vs. Egan et al.	116—	Hackley vs. Merritt et al.
97—	Ferrier et al. vs. Mackay et al.	127—	Atkins et al. vs. Howland et al.
71—	Moser vs. Lenzen.	128—	Foster vs. King.
85—	Dorlon vs. Robbins, The Register, &c.	134—	Hopkins vs. Robbins.
92—	Oppenheimer vs. Atwater.	145—	Collins vs. Potter.
94—	Doherty vs. Egan et al.	146—	Kennedy vs. Potter.
95—	Oppenheimer vs. Atwater.	147—	Ward vs. Alwater.
96—	Oppenheimer et al. vs. Hummel, President, &c.	160—	Moser vs. Lenzen et al.
98—	Elmendorf vs. Savage et al.	165—	Strzker et al. vs. Ross, President, &c.
91—	King vs. Hurd.	170—	In re. Gallagher.
93—	Schlessinger et al vs. Lindsley et al.	178—	Danzer vs. Friedberg et al.
			Call No. 151—In re. Korn.

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.

Held by Daly, F. J., Brady and Barrett, JJ.—Court opens at 10 A. M.

The General Term calendar will be continued.

MARINE COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Calendar called by Gross, J., at 10 A. M.

Nos.		Nos.	
1128—	Freeman vs. Marks.	1159—	Culver vs. Smith.
1273—	Loder vs. Eustace.	——	Potter vs. Appel.
1280—	Smith vs. Peck.	——	Potter vs. Appel.
1281—	Smith vs. Peck.	——	Potter vs. Appel.
1282—	Potter vs. Eclipse Sewing Machine Co.	1261—	Potter vs. Appel.
1318—	Mackey vs. Garmo.	1263—	Ballou vs. McMakin.
1287—	Lantzer vs. Breslau.	1264—	Potter vs. Appel.
1316—	Rosenfeld vs. Rosser.	1266—	Fyrke vs. Burns.
1187—	Mansfield vs. Parmelee	1268—	Harrison vs. Claflin.
1154—	Lane vs. Greene.	1269—	Setting vs. Berger.
1320—	Jamieson vs. King.	1270—	Hanson et al. vs. Landa.
1322—	Eagler vs. Crawford.	1288—	Ernest vs. Wolf.
1326—	Schnabel vs. Lemaire.	1290—	Johnson vs. Griggs.
1328—	Schnabel vs. Lemaire.	1291—	Ferrin vs. Brennan.
1348—	Boorsem vs. Fox.	1292—	McKenzie vs. Spooner
1346—	Ramping vs. Pizzo.		

COMMON PLEAS—GENERAL TERM.

LIABILITY OF COMMON CARRIERS.

The following opinion by Judge BRADY will be found interesting to common carriers and those employing them:

Lamb vs. The New-Jersey Transportation Company.—BRADY, J.—The defendants are not, by the contract of carriage, to be responsible for a loss by fire, unless it can be shown that it resulted from their negligence or want of care. This condition of liability was enforced in terms on the trial. The defendants were held not to be responsible unless it satisfactorily appeared that the fire was caused by means by which the loss was occasioned. Whether the plaintiff is to make out a *prima facie* case in the first instance, is not stated by the contract itself, and the natural order of proof would be for the plaintiff to show the delivery to the carrier, and his failure to carry and deliver, as undertaken by him, and by way of answer to offer an explanation of the loss by him, to further show that it resulted from his negligence, notwithstanding the explanation. There is nothing in the contract beside the form of procedure, or it confines with it. The carrier is to be liable only for such consequence resulting in loss, when the loss is occasioned by fire; and is a condition imposed by him—this the limit within which he restrains the common law liability which would otherwise exist, and when fairly considered with reference to that common law liability thus restricted, it means "upon a fair and full consideration of all the facts attending the loss, if it appears that I was negligent, and that such negligence resulted in the destruction of your property, I will take my proper place in the dock, to be sentenced as agreed upon." It would be a perversion of the judicial power to hold that the consignor must give evidence, not only of the cause of the loss, but the details attending it, and be also required to establish from such details the want of such care on the part of the carrier as he was called upon as exercising under his engagement in respect to the property carried. Such a duty should not be imposed unless there can be no doubt that such was the intention of the parties, and for the reasons, first, that the circumstances attending the loss are more within the knowledge of the carrier, and information on the subject more accessible to him than to the consignor; and, second, because the carrier is prepared to pay, if he fail to deliver, and any limited responsibility being for his especial benefit, he should have the burden of bringing the loss complained of within the exception to his general liability. The defendants in this case were required, in answer to the plaintiff's demand, to bring themselves within their excepted liability, and this is a proper construction of the terms of carriage. I agree with Judge Daly, therefor, in his conclusions upon that branch of the case. It must be said in addition, however, that the defendants did not rest upon their proposition that the plaintiff must show them guilty of negligence. They excepted to the denial of the motion to dismiss the complaint, it is true, but they proceeded nevertheless to show the cause of the fire, and all the circumstances calculated to relieve them from the charge or suspicion of negligence. The plaintiff responded to the case made by much evidence, and it is clear that subject was fairly considered, and passed upon adversely to them. The proof having thus been given on both sides, the refusal of the Judge at the trial to compel the plaintiff to establish a *prima facie* case of negligence against the defendants, resulted and is to be regarded more as an inversion of the order of proof, which could not operate to the prejudice of the defendants. The circumstances under which the loss took place, its cause and consequences, as already suggested, must be supposed to have been more within the knowledge of the defendants than the plaintiff, and the evidence on the trial shows that such supposition was entirely justifiable. Such facts and circumstances would necessarily present the defence or the conclusion based upon them, if proper, that the defendants were not guilty of negligence. It may be said in answer to this view, that the plaintiff might not have been able to show that the defendants were guilty of negligence in opening the goods, but the answer has to be submitted the defendant's case made on that subject, and he allowed to go to the jury upon the answer made to it, where that such a conclusion could not be properly entertained. We have the whole case before us, and it does not appear that the inversion of the order of proof assuming it to be an incident of the trial, occurred, prejudiced the defendants in any manner. They had the opportunity to present their case truly, and seem to have done so, and the jury found against them. For these reasons, and those assigned by Judge Daly on the other questions considered by him, the judgment should be affirmed.

INTERESTING TO LANDLORD AND TENANT.

Owen Mary vs. Frederick P. James and Edward D. James.—By the Court—BARRETT, J.—It is admitted, upon the papers submitted to us, that the questions presented by this appeal, and our labors would have been greatly aided and doubtless abbreviated by an oral argument. The difficulty to which I refer will be best illustrated by a brief reference to the salient facts and to the present posture of the case itself. The plaintiff avers that he is the owner of a valuable lease of the premises No. 111 West Twenty-ninth-street, in this City, and that certain persons, whose names are unimportant for the purposes of this discussion, occupy the premises as his tenants. The general title to the premises, as we I as the manner in which the plaintiff acquired the lease and became landlord of the persons in possession is also set out, but it will not be necessary to refer to it. The charge in brief is, that the defendants, combinating together to obtain possession of the premises, have fraudulently connected as apparent, but really sham title, which now rests in the defendant, Frederick P. James. The various links in the formation of the alleged fraudulent chain of title are set forth, and the plaintiff then avers that, as a part of the scheme, the defendant, E. D. James, acting as the agent of F. P. James, has instituted summary proceedings before the City Judge, for the purpose of ejecting the plaintiff's tenants, unduly alleging therein that F. P. James rented the premises to certain persons named Jackson, Dennison, Waugh and Tellar, who on their part have sublet to the plaintiff's tenants, "so as" to quote the language of the complaint, "to draw the legal relation by derivation of landlord and tenant between him, the said F. P. James, and the said tenants of him, the said plaintiff." The plaintiff is not made a party to these proceedings, but his tenants have appeared therein, and deny that they rented from James" alleged tenants, or that they know any landlord save the plaintiff. It is further stated that proceedings of a similar character had been previously instituted by E. D. James before the City Judge, wherein his preliminary affidavits were contradictory, and that the City Judge is a necessary witness for the plaintiff's tenants in the proceeding now sought to be enjoined, for the purpose of producing his records and proving these affidavits; and it is charged that the proceedings in question were instituted before the City Judge for the iniquitous purpose of depriving the plaintiff's tenants of the benefit of their officer's testimony. Upon substantially these averments the plaintiff prays that the summary proceedings in question may be restrained, and that the defendants may be enjoined from instituting any proceedings tending to disturb the possession of the plaintiff and his tenants, other than a regular action of ejectment. It is evident that Judge Brady, who granted the injunction, did not consider the plaintiff entitled to such sweeping relief, as his order expressly reserved to the defendants the right to institute summary proceedings before the Justice of the District Court, within whose jurisdiction the premises were situated. Why this permission was not extended so as to include the other officers—the Mayor, Recorder and Justices of the Marine Court—upon whom jurisdiction in these proceedings is conferred does not appear, but the fact that such proceedings were permitted at all shows that the injunction was aimed solely at the particular proceeding then pending, and that the facts were deemed insufficient to warrant the general injunction prayed for. In that opinion I entirely concur, for reasons to which I will presently advert; but I go further, and, after careful consideration, I think the facts were insufficient to support even the limited injunction granted. In the aspect of the case upon which this particular proceeding and that alone was restrained, the equity of the complaint consists simply in the averments respecting the testimony of the City Judge. Now, how is the plaintiff prejudiced by the inability of his tenants to procure that testimony? He is neither a party to the proceedings, nor in any legal sense privy to them. Neither his title nor James' can be tried therein. If the relation of landlord and tenant really exists by agreement between himself and these tenants, it cannot be disturbed by a proceeding in which the only issues are whether that same relation exists by agreement between other and distinct persons, and whether these tenants in occupation have (illegally, if, as the plaintiff states, they are really his tenants) attorned to any such other persons. These tenants can only be disturbed by James in case they have, in violation of their duty to the plaintiff, assumed the position, by express agreement, and not by mere operation of law, of subtenants of James' alleged tenants. The proceedings being based, therefore, upon the existence of an agreement which, if entered into, was a practical denial of the plaintiff's title, and upon alleged facts, with which neither the plaintiff nor his assigns are in any way connected, this action cannot be sustained on the ground of the landlord's duty to protect his tenants in the quiet enjoyment of the demised premises. The plaintiff, therefore, really has no interest in the summary proceedings. They cannot affect the relations subsisting between the tenants and himself, and should they even result favorably to James, and thus enable him to acquire actual possession—a most unlikely consequence upon the facts before us—still, as against the plaintiff, he would, if devoid of title, be as much a mere trespasser as though, without any proceeding, the premises had been collusively abandoned to him by the plaintiff's tenants. It is for the tenants, therefore, (for they alone are interested in the proceedings,) to complain if unjustly compelled to testimony. The result, however, would have been the same if the action had been instituted by the tenants. A very strong case should, in my judgment, be presented to justify a Court of Equity in restraining, upon such grounds, the exercise of legitimate functions. Otherwise any Judge may be ousted of his jurisdiction by a loose affidavit, claiming generally, upon the advice of counsel, that he is a necessary and material witness for one side or the other. The utmost that can be gleaned from the plaintiff's complaint and affidavits is, that the City Judge may, by producing the records of the previous proceedings, shake the credibility of E. D. James. Surely this does not make the City Judge "a necessary and material witness for the plaintiff's tenants, without the benefit of whose testimony they cannot safely proceed to trial." Ought we, from that slight circumstance, prevent the exercise of a lawful jurisdiction? We are not even assured that E. D. James will be a witness in these proceedings, nor that his testimony is likely to affect the result, nor that the plaintiff has ineffectually requested, either the Judge to have these previous affidavits before him at the trial, or his adversary to admit them. There is nothing in the bald fact that the Judge has in his possession certain records, in which are embodied affidavits sworn to by E. D. James, conflicting in respect to the alleged term of hiring with each other and with that upon which these last proceedings are founded. It appears also by the plaintiff's own papers that the tenants have it in their power, not only to contradict, but actually to impeach the witness in question, and thus make the testimony upon the alleged deprivation of which the equity of the complaint rests, will probably be merely cumulative. The interference claimed should be most sparingly exercised, and only upon facts, the extreme opposite in strength and importance of the exceedingly slight intermeddle here presented. It should, in fact, be inside to supply a necessary, and immediately, and the judicial testimony is not of itself privileged, and that its absence would involve a complete denial of justice. This disposes of what I understand, from the nature of the injunction granted, to be the real question argued at Special Term, but as the motion to dissolve may possibly have been denied upon the ground that the plaintiff was entitled to a general restraint of any summary proceedings whatever, it becomes necessary to consider that question without reference to the permission to proceed before the District Court Judge, (which, if that view be correct, should not have been embodied in a judicial order,) and apart from the special facts upon which the particular proceedings before the City Judge was sought to be restrained. I have already expressed my concurrence in the opinion upon that head which Judge Brady must have entertained when the permission referred to was suggested upon the general order; and my reasons therefor, so far as they are based upon the plaintiff's want of interest in or priority to the proceedings, have been sufficiently expressed. I may have added that the only question, in view of the stringent provisions of the statutes (2 R.S., 2d ed., p. 533, §47,) these proceedings should be joined, are cases of fraud, surprise or undue advantage, (Smith vs. Moffat, 1 Barb. 65; Wordsworth vs. Lyon, 5 How. P. R., 463; Hyatt vs. Barr, 8 How. P. R., 168; Dungey vs. Hooper, 2 Bosw., 465, where the subject was exhaustively considered;) or, (Hasbrouck vs. Hasbrouck, 16 How. P. R., 461; Marks vs. Wilson, 11 Abb. P. R., 87; Schback vs. McDonald, Id., 95; Aaron vs. Baum, Superior Court, Special Term, March, 1868, see N. Y. Transcript of April 4, 1868;) not these acts generally or collaterally, but fraud under cover of these proceedings, or surprise or undue advantage in their consummation; such, for instance, as the service of the summons so short a time before the hour fixed for its return as to render it physically impossible for the tenant to reach the Court-room before the hearing (Griffith vs. Brown, 28 How P. R., 4; Cure vs. Crawford, 8 How. P. R., 228, which was correctly decided upon its particular facts, although the reasoning, like that of Capel vs. Parker, 1 Code, R. N. S., 90, has long since been overruled; Forrester vs. Wilson, 1 Duer, 624, the facts of which case are more fully detailed in Dulgan vs. Hogan, above cited.) Here there is neither fraud nor surprise nor undue advantage in the proceedings themselves. The tenants have had full notice, have instituted their defence, and adjourned the proceedings for a regular and orderly trial. The fraud complained of consists in the falsity of the affidavit upon which the proceedings are based; but that is the very matter at issue and to be there tried. With the object and intent of the defendants in making that trial we have nothing to do. But the respondent raised the point that the City Judge has no jurisdiction in summary proceedings. That question is not to be tested by injunction, but by prohibition, if before judgment, or thereafter by action, if damage has been sustained. I have no doubt, however, that the jurisdiction exists. The decision of the Court of Appeals in Mash vs. The People, 32 How. P. R., 294, does not affect the question, as it was merely held that the Recorder, for the reasons there given, had no authority to issue the writ of habeas corpus, while that officer is expressly named in the statute with respect to summary proceedings. The City Judge, then, being vested by law with the judicial powers and functions of the Recorder, jurisdiction being expressly conferred upon the latter officer by the statute, and the character of the proceedings being unquestionably judicial, the point is fully disposed of. The order should be reversed and the injunction dissolved.

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3,000 Mo. 6s, old	67⅛	200 do	91⅛
20,000 La. State 6s L. S.	65	200 do	91⅛
2,000 do	65	200 do	91⅛
3,000 do	65	100 Chic. & N. W.	90
3,000 do	65	200 do	90
4,000 Ala. 5s, new	65	200 Chic. & N. W. Pf.	87⅛
4,000 Ind. 5s, new	65	100 C., C., Chic. & Ind.	74⅛
do	65	100 do	74⅛
6,000 Erie 1st M.	89	200 Cleve. & Tol.	104⅛
1,000 Erie 6th M.	89	200 do	104⅛
20,000 Ill. Cen. Sc.	89	200 do	104⅛
5,000 C. & R. I. & P. 1st M.	91⅛	200 do	104⅛
do	91⅛	200 do	104⅛
11,000 Mor. & Ess. 1st M.	90	200 do	104⅛
4,000 Mor. & Ess. 2d M.	70	100 do	104⅛
3,000 Chic. & Alt. W. 1st M.	84	100 do	104⅛
4,000 R. & P. R. R. 1st M.	90	100 do	104⅛
8,000 Chic. & Alt. 1st M.	100	100 do	104⅛
1,000 Mor. & Ess. 7s Cons.	90	100 do	104⅛
3,000 D. M. & T. 1st M.	81	100 do	104⅛
5,000 C., C. & I.C. 1st	78⅛	200 do	104⅛
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

The Peace Conference, for the settlement of the difficulties between Turkey and Greece, met in Paris on Saturday. The cable reports that the session was a long one, and that, as both the representatives from Turkey and Greece manifested a conciliatory disposition, a peaceful result to the deliberations of the Conference is confidently expected. The next session will be held on Tuesday.

GENERAL.

Captain-General DULCE, of Cuba, issued a proclamation on Saturday abolishing courts-martial for the trial of civil cases. Well-informed Cubans assert that the revolutionists are constantly receiving accessions from within and without the island. The report that they have decreed the abolition of slavery within their lines is fully confirmed. This is considered a desperate measure by the supporters of the Government, and an indication of the growing weakness of the rebel cause. The proclamation of liberty to the Press has gone into full effect.

A Havana dispatch says that news has been received there that JESURUN, the Curacoa banker, who went to Europe to contract a loan for President HAYE, of St. Domingo, has returned unsuccessful. It is stated that the failure to obtain money will probably cause the downfall of the Baez Administration.

The State Grant and Colfax Club of Virginia, as an offset to the operations of the Compromise Committee in Washington, have adopted a memorial to Congress asking that, in view of the deceptions practiced by persons whose disabilities have been removed, no further steps be taken in that direction until the applicants have proved that they favor reconstruction by voting for it in the coming election. A committee representing the Club is to be sent to Washington to oppose the amnesty movement.

It is reported that the white man named ANDERSON UPTON, and the three negroes, who murdered and robbed one MARTIN and his two sisters, a few weeks ago, at their home in Columbia, S. C., and then fired their house, were recently taken from the County Jail in which they were confined, and lynched. The four had confessed their guilt, and were awaiting sentence.

The examination in the case of the United States against JUSTIN ARNOLD, DAVID WILES, DANIEL HESS, and ALEXANDER M. SHELDON, of Oneida, Madison County, charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government, is in progress in Oswego. ARNOLD and WILES own a distillery at Oneida, and SHELDON and HESS are rectifiers doing business in the vicinity of the distillery and in conjunction with it. It is charged that these parties have defrauded the revenue to the extent of $50,000.

Advices from Hayti give additional particulars of the recent campaign of SALNAVE in the Southern Peninsula. He captured the City of Miragoane, but was driven out by the rebels. He retook the city, and destroyed a portion of it. He then captured six other towns on the sea coast, the inhabitants aiding him in driving out the rebels. He next returned to Port-au-Prince, and it is believed that his campaign will lead to the surrender of Jacmel and Jeremie. It is reported that a cargo of arms and ammunition shipped from Boston to the rebels had reached their destination. The Government monopoly of the coffee trade was removed on the 20th of December, and the traffic opened to competition under certain restrictions.

A San Francisco dispatch says that a terrible earthquake occurred at Colima, Mexico, on the 30th of December. The volcano of Colima, thirty miles from the city, had been in a state of eruption for several days, causing a rumbling and shaking of the earth for many miles around. On the 20th, at Colima, the earthquake commenced by gentle rockings, which increased in violence gradually, throwing down numerous buildings, and doing great damage to property generally. Several persons were killed by falling walls. In the country the shock was still more severe. The earth opened, water courses were changed, hills were leveled, and there was a general upheaval. The Cathedral of Manzanillo was shaken to its foundations, and hotels and dwellings were entirely demolished. Fifteen or twenty persons were killed in Manzanillo by the falling of the walls of a hotel and a storehouse.

A fatal fight occurred on Friday night last at a spelling-school at Silver Lake, Kosciusko County, Ind., between two young men, named Geo. HARRIS and Geo. BARNOUR. Some difficulty had occurred a night or two before between them, and they had arranged to meet and fight it out. Harris touched Barnour down and stabbed him, the knife entering his heart and killing him instantly. HARRIS has made his escape, but officers are on his track. BARNOUR had been but a short time married. HARRIS' brother has been arrested as a participant.

An interesting case has just been decided in Mansfield, Ohio. It was brought by the city against the agents of JOHN A. WEBER, of Toledo, for violation of city ordinance imposing a license fee of $20 to $75 per day for auctioneering goods and notions by persons not residents of the city. A verdict was rendered for the defendant. The dry goods merchants of the City are far from satisfied with the result.

A desperado recently appeared in Montgomery, Texas, and in a short time made himself odious to the citizens by his quarrelsome disposition. One day last week he rode his horse into the store of Messrs. SMITH & PRAY, and on being ordered out he drew his pistol, but before he could fire it he was fired upon by Mr. SMITH or Mr. PRAY with a double-barrel shot-gun. Although badly wounded, he ran out into the street, and by some fatality met a party of citizens who were hunting him for the purpose of causing his arrest for passing counterfeit money. He ran in another direction, when some one in the party fired upon him and he fell. A Mr. OLIVER and two brothers named MOORRW, (who, it seems, were in the habit of associating with the desperado,) ran up to his rescue with pistols drawn, when they were fired upon by the crowd and all three killed.

A resolution was introduced in the Kentucky Legislature, on Saturday, requesting Congress to remove all political disabilities that may have been attached to any citizen of Kentucky by virtue of the Fourteenth Constitutional Amendment.

In the case of TABITHA T. CROWZER, a girl aged 11 years, whose clothes caught fire while she was filling a kerosene lamp, and who died from the injuries thus received, an inquest was held by Coroner KERNAN yesterday. The verdict charges the manufacturers of the mixture with which she was filling the lamp, and the vendor from whom it was immediately purchased, with culpable negligence. Their names, respectively, are ADAM KEMPER and WILLIAM LABENHEIMER, manufacturers, and SAMUEL SCHOOSMACHER, storekeeper.

The Fire Marshal has prepared a report, giving interesting statistics concerning the fires that have occurred in this City since May 25 up to Oct. 31. It will be found in another column.

The dedication services of the New Bethany Chapel, on the corner of Eighty-first-street and Eleventh-avenue, took place yesterday afternoon, under the auspices of Mr. ALFRED W. BOTCH, the founder. Rev. STEPHEN H. TYNG, Jr., Rev. Dr. DOWLING and others delivered addresses.

Rev. Dr. BOARDMAN, of Auburn, preached last evening before the Young Men's Christian Association, in the Reformed Dutch Church, corner Fifth-avenue and Twenty-ninth-street. He dilated more particularly on the indications of an approaching millenium.

JAMES LOGAN, the man arrested on the supposition that he was the murderer of ROGERS, is still in custody; but the impression among the Police authorities now is that he did not commit the murder. His friends declare that he can prove an alibi.

A sermon in behalf of the funds of the St. Barnabas Home was delivered by Bishop CLARK, of Rhode Island, at Calvary Church last evening.

Cotton was actively sought after on Saturday at a further advance of ⅛c. @ ¼ B., but it closed tamely. Breadstuffs and Provisions were generally quiet and easier in prices. Groceries dull. Freights inactive, with 490 vessels of all classes in port.

Multiplication of Offices—Senator Edmunds' Bill.

The bill of Senator EDMUNDS, in regard to the appointment of military men to civil office, is under discussion and seems likely to be pushed through. The more we study it the more it puzzles us. What it is intended to accomplish does not seem very clear; and the clearer it does become, the less desirable and justifiable it seems.

Its apparent object is to prevent Gen. GRANT from making Gen. SCHOFIELD Secretary of War, and Admiral POREER Secretary of the Navy. That is the construction generally put upon it by the public at large. Right or wrong, the impression is general that the new President will be very likely to make those appointments if left to himself. We presume this is merely the result of conjecture and of speculation on the probabilities of the case,—not at all of information as to the General's intentions. But people who are not strong politicians,—who do not accept the theory that parties and party leaders and cliques are to make Gen. GRANT's Cabinet for him, but who indulge the hope that he means to have something to say on this subject himself, think that this would be a very proper thing for him to do,—and, naturally if not logically, they infer that therefore he is very likely to do it.

Mr. EDMUNDS' bill seems intended to thwart and defeat such a purpose, if Gen. GRANT does entertain it. It says to him that he shall not make those appointments, even if he desires to do it. Gen. SCHOFIELD, being an officer of the army, shall not be Secretary of War; nor shall Admiral POREER, being an officer of the navy, be Secretary of the Navy, in any case. These gentlemen, if they desire to fill those civil offices, must first resign their army and navy positions, so that others may be appointed in their places, and so that, when their terms of civil office expire, they shall be thrown upon the world without positions of any kind or any means of getting a living in the only professions to which they have been trained, and with the duties of which they are at all familiar.

If this is the meaning and purpose of the bill, it is an insult to Gen. GRANT, being a needless fetter on his freedom of action, and implying distrust of his judgment and his motives; a gross injustice to two of the most gallant and useful defenders of the Union in its peril; and a great wrong to the people, as it deprives the Government of the services of the very men best qualified and calculated to render good and effective service.

But the bill has a wider scope and effect, and one which sets its injustice and inexpediency in a still stronger light. It forbids an officer from filling, or performing the duties of, two offices at once. We should like to know the sense, propriety or wisdom of such a law as that. The standing curse of this Government is its multiplication of offices. The old maxim that "he who makes two blades of grass grow where but one grew before, is a public benefactor," has been transferred to the field of politics, and reads that he who creates two offices where one sufficed before, is a benefactor to the tribe of office-seeking politicians. Whenever a new function or duty of any kind is created by law, a new office is instantly created to afford a new place for some new man who is to perform it. This implies, of course, new salaries, new dignities, new appointments, increased patronage to be used by the Executive and enjoyed by the noble army of place hunters.

In this way the Government offices of the country have been multiplied far beyond its necessities. The patronage of the Government has been enormously increased, until it has become an exhaustless source of power which is certain to be abused, and of expense which threatens to swamp the revenues of the nation and involve its finances in hopeless ruin. There are to-day, in every department of the Government, *three times* as many office-holders as are at all needed, and far more than can be usefully employed. One of the most feasible methods of reform and retrenchment would be to *consolidate* the offices of the Government,—to sweep away the thousands of sinecures that exist in every branch of the public service, and to require new duties to be done by officers already in place, instead of creating new officers to perform them.

Yet Senator EDMUNDS, Chairman of the Special Committee on Retrenchment in the Civil Service, introduces and makes himself the special champion of a bill to make this *illegal and impossible!* If there is a civil officer in New-York or Alaska who has nothing to do, and a law is passed creating some new duty, a new office must be created and a new officer appointed expressly for its performance. Existing abuses are not only perpetuated by such a measure, but new abuses are created, and, when established, *they* are also perpetuated by it. Reform becomes impossible,—it is forbidden by a positive and peremptory law.

Take the whole Indian department as an illustration. Scattered throughout the whole Indian country, at the various military posts, are military officers of the Government, who, in time of peace, have little to do; they must be there and must be paid. A law is passed, or a treaty made, for the distribution of presents among the Indians in their vicinity. What would be simpler, or more natural, more economical, or more effective, than to require these military officers to make the distribution? But this Senator EDMUNDS cannot permit. *New* officers must be created for that purpose. Indian agents, with large salaries and still larger opportunities for speculation and plunder, must be appointed to do that work; and the military officers must serve as an escort for them, while they are engaged in the business thus devolved upon them!

This is the system as it exists to-day; and a howl of execration is raised at the slightest attempt to disturb it. And to erect a permanent and substantial barrier against any *such* attempt at reform in any quarter, Senator EDMUNDS brings in a bill forbidding it by law! Can anything be more absurd in theory, or more ruinous in practice, than such legislation? Instead of forbidding one man from holding, or doing the duties of more than one office, as Mr. EDMUNDS proposes, it would be much more sensible to enact that two officers should never be appointed where one can do the duties required by law.

In whatever light it may be viewed, Mr. EDMUNDS' bill seems to us in open hostility to any system of retrenchment that looks to a diminution in the number of Government officers, or a consolidation of Government offices, as a means of relief and reform.

England and China—A Fresh Illustration of Western Policy.

The Chinese have narrowly escaped a third war with England; and we have just had the spectacle of a hostile demonstration at Nankin, at the very time their Embassy was negotiating a treaty in London. A fleet of gunboats sent up the river to enforce reparation for injuries and losses sustained by English missionaries in the late riots at Yang-Chow, has returned to Shanghae, having accomplished its object, at least in part. The Commodore and Consul succeeded by dint of threats, backed up by a formidable display of artillery, in extracting from the Viceroy a promise that he would punish the perpetrators of the outrage and make good the losses of the sufferers. But not satisfied with empty promises, they seized a steam gunboat belonging to the Chinese Government, placed an English officer on board, and carried it down the river, as a material guarantee for their fulfillment.

This occurrence deserves attention, as an illustration of British policy, and an exhibition of the actual state of foreign relations with the Chinese. Yang-Chou, where the difficulty originated, is one of the most celebrated cities of the central plain, and, with Europeans, particularly noted as the place over which the Venetian traveler, MARCO POLO, was appointed Prefect by the Mongolian Emperor, KUBLOI KHAN. It is situated on the banks of the Grand Canal, thirteen miles from the Yang-tse-kiang, and about forty from Nankin, the capital of the Viceroy. Sacked and burned by the Taiping rebels, a few years ago, such are the advantages of its location, and such is the recuperative energy of the Chinese character, that it is rapidly regaining its former prosperity, and miles of junks now throng the levees of this great centre of inland trade.

Had the Viceroy refused to accede to the demands of the English, as there was reason to fear he would, the next movement in the programme would have been to ascend the canal, bombard the city, set fire to the junks, and cut off the canal communication between the interior provinces. It was with a view to this, that the gunboat *Dove* took possession of the entrance to the canal, and held it while the other vessels were ascending the river.

A strategic position of great value at present, it would have served a few years ago to command the capital of the Empire, eight hundred miles distant; for at that time the population of Pekin was largely dependent on the supplies of grain shipped from the south by way of the Grand Canal. It is with reference to this that Sir JOHN DAVIS facetiously calls this great thoroughfare the "alimentary canal" of China. Of late years, however, since the interior has been disturbed by rebels, and since foreign steamers have held in check the pirates of the seaboard, the "tribute rice" has been sent forward by sea, under convoy of armed vessels, and the canal has lost something of its importance. Still, its junction with the Great River is a vital point, and TSENGKOFAN is too fully awake to the danger of having it held by a foreign force not to make ample satisfaction. This affair may therefore be considered as settled.

But there is still a cloud in the sky in another quarter. Her Majesty's ship *Rinaldo* was under orders to proceed to Formosa to demand redress for injuries inflicted on British missionaries and native Christians by the people of that island. Though the hospital of a medical Missionary had been destroyed and one of his assistants killed, the native authorities had not only taken no steps to arrest the offenders, but when urged to do so by the British Consuls, broke off communication and assumed a hostile attitude. Whether the guns of a frigate will stimulate their activity remains to be seen.

These proceedings of the English are not en regle. According to international usage, the British Minister, failing to obtain satisfaction from the authorities at Pekin, should have referred the case to his own Government, which, if no other mode of adjustment appeared feasible, might have made a formal declaration of war, or issued orders for reprisals. In such a country as China, this latter method of seeking redress by no means implies, as it does in Europe, the commencement of actual war.

But England has one mode of proceeding for the West and another for the East. On the plea of remoteness and the inconvenience of delay in communication, she formally delegated to her East India Company a semi-sovereignty, authorizing them to make peace or war with Indian States, without consulting the Home Government—a polite arrangement by which she saved herself the trouble of discussing perplexing questions, and opened the way to that career of conquest which has resulted in the establishment of her Eastern Empire. Is it on the same principle and with similar objects that she gives the same power to her Ministers in China and Japan, and sometimes allows it to be exercised even by a Consul?

Her first war with China, (1839-1842,) known as the "Opium War," was commenced by an "Order in Council," authorizing reprisals to be made for certain losses sustained by British subjects at Canton. But of late years no such formality has been thought necessary.

In 1856, Sir JOHN BOWRING handed over his dispute with YEH to Sir MICHAEL SEYMOUR, who, not succeeding in inducing the Viceroy to come to a conference, blew up the gate of the city, and, backed by three hundred marines, marched into the palace. This act was the beginning of a three years' war.

In 1859 Sir F. BRUCE, who was on his way to Pekin with a copy of the ratified treaty, not succeeding in inducing the mandarins to admit his steamers into the Peiho, a privilege for which Lord ELGIN had forgotten to stipulate, handed the case over to Admiral HOPE, who broke through the *chevaux de frise*, and prolonged hostilities for another year.

Sir R. ALCOCK, who in this instance has invoked the aid of Admiral KEPPEL, signalized his administration in Japan by a similar coup *de main*, in opening the Strait of Shimonoseki; and at an earlier date, when Consul at Shanghae, he quickened the movements of the tardy Mandarins in redressing a grievance, by detaining the entire fleet of grain junks that were intended for the supply of the capital.

Irregular as these proceedings certainly were, they are defended by the two strong arguments of necessity and success. In those days the Imperial Government was not accessible, and these forcible measures were the sole means for obtaining satisfaction. Without them our relations with China could not have been established on their present basis. But is the policy of arbitrary force, to be employed at the option of a Minister or Consul, still to prevail? Are the interests of other nations in China to be jeopardized as often as an irascible Consul may happen to come in contact with an obstinate Taoutai? The safety of a commerce amounting in the aggregate to $200,000,000 per annum ought not to be exposed to such contingencies. The British authorities, and the French, too, for they are equally fond of appealing to force, ought to be held under obligation to pursue the course prescribed by the usage of civilized nations, before resorting to the *ultima ratio* in such cases. To employ force in the protection of life and property is a very different thing from using it to exact reparation. The former admits of no delay, but the latter is seldom so urgent as not to allow time for reference to the supreme national authority.

Men Without a Country.

The people of St. Thomas are certainly much to be pitied. Some time ago two nations undertook to metamorphose themselves from liege vassals of King CHRISTIAN into free and enlightened fellow-citizens of Uncle Sam. It would require an Ovid, at least, to depict the result. The metamorphosis was unluckily checked in mid-process, and it was a case of neither an egg nor a chicken; the hapless islanders ceased to be Danes without becoming Americans—neither fish, flesh nor good red herring.

The state of the case seems to be in brief that our Government made the overtures for St. Thomas to Denmark, who was at first coy, but on being pressed, and on having the price raised to $7,500,000 in gold, became quite as eager to sell as we to buy. If there be any mistake at all in the affair, it is that of having pushed matters too far before the will of Congress was ascertained—and how this fell out, can be very simply explained. On our side, the need of a port in the Gulf of Mexico as a coaling and naval station was unquestionable—nobody, we believe, has ever doubted *that*. The first question was that of selection; and, of all ports apparently attainable at the outset, (*i. e.*, nearly four years ago,) St. Thomas was universally regarded by good authorities as the best. Of course the preliminary investigations had to be secret, like most other State business. But as soon as the preliminaries had been settled, Mr. SEWARD at once made public the plan for the action of popular sentiment. This sentiment was found to be almost unanimously favorable—so far as it gained expression through the Press and the opinions of representative men. As for naval officers, they all warmly indorsed the project, which, indeed, had been strongly urged as a necessity by the Navy Department. Accordingly, Mr. SEWARD was perfectly justified in assuring the Danish Minister that there was little doubt of the ratification of a treaty of transfer.

On its side, Denmark grew anxious to sell as it became convinced that we really meant to buy. The price was good, the revenues from St. Thomas small, and the expense of governing so distant a colony, considerable. The Schleswig-Holstein war had just drained its purse, and there was trouble with Prussia ahead. In short, so desirable did it appear to get rid of the island, replenish by so much the treasury, sell St. Thomas before it freed itself, as distant islands have a way of doing, and accommodate powerful America, that the King of Denmark, trusting to the look of affairs, and running the risk which comes of dealing with a Republic, asked that a vote of the islanders on the question be taken forthwith. It was taken, was nearly unanimous in favor of bidding good-bye to Denmark, and the gratified King responded to that token of affection by one of the most touching of royal farewells which history records. This adieu was as final as it was pathetic; and, having thus washed his hands of the affair, King CHRISTIAN waited complacently for his seven and a half millions.

The reasons why he did not get them at once were various. First, the cry of "economy" grew stronger among our people; next, there was the Russian purchase, itself costly, and therewith the outrage which the House took against the Senate's alleged trenching upon its prerogative, which threw a cloud over all similar schemes; then came the luckless tornado at St. Thomas, just in the wrong nick of time; and, finally, the Bay of Samana came into view as a possible naval station, to be bought or rented.

It is easy to see, therefore, why both the State Department and Denmark acted as they did, and why the affair still hangs undecided. The action of Congress can now hardly be anticipated. Admitting the ultimate necessity of a Gulf station, should St. Thomas still appear to Congress the cheapest and best, and should the necessity for having such a station appear immediate, the treaty would probably be consummated; otherwise its fate would be doubtful.

Meanwhile, the islanders themselves are men without a country. They have one leg in Denmark, and the other in the Union, and must be as uncomfortable politically as a man astride of a ridge-pole. They wait for Congress to pronounce "Under which King"—a decision which surely ought to be rendered this session, to put them out of their misery.

The Compromise Movement in Virginia.

The Virginians now in Washington to urge upon Congress the views adopted by the recent Richmond Conference, represent a movement which is at least entitled to respect. They are neither extravagant in their demands nor intemperate in their advocacy of compromise. They declare frankly their aversion to universal negro enfranchisement in the abstract, but as frankly accept the fact which events have forced upon them; asking only that it shall be accompanied by a removal of the proscription which the new Constitution imposes, and of the single disability attendant upon reconstruction. They would associate universal amnesty with universal suffrage as the basis of restoration for the State in whose name they profess to speak. It does not follow that this is the only shape in which the gentlemen who figure as leaders of the movement would be content to accept the impending change. They see that it is inevitable—that no opposition they or others can offer will avail to frustrate the reconstruction of Virginia. They declare what in their opinion is desirable, but they perform their task in a spirit so rational, and withal so just, that they may be expected to acquiesce in terms not quite so favorable, if, after full discussion, these alone shall be found feasible.

Reasonable as are the conclusions arrived at by the Richmond Committee, we apprehend that circumstances scarcely justify their unqualified adoption as the groundwork of Congressional action. The Reconstruction law must for many reasons be left to run its course. There can be no exceptional legislation in respect of Virginia without creating ground of discontent in Mississippi and Texas; while neither of the latter States is in a condition to seek the modifications sought in behalf of Virginia. The law which has already vindicated itself in seven States may be properly allowed to perform its work in the remaining three. For this reason, universal amnesty as a part of reconstruction seems impracticable. As a consequence of reconstruction, when they who have been its opponents exhibit an honest acceptance of the situation, it may be desirable. The Republican Party, indeed, is pledged to it so soon as it may be undertaken safely, and we have no doubt that in a brief period it will be realized. This will not occur, however, until after all the States shall have been restored.

But though the Virginia Committee will probably not make much headway on the subject of universal amnesty, we trust that their labors will have the effect of inducing Congress to employ its reserved authority over the Constitution proposed for the State. Without attempting to introduce any essential change of the law, Congress may and should require the proposed instrument to harmonize with the Federal enactment. This it at present fails to do. For the Reconstruction acts place in the hands of Congress final control over the whole question of disabilities, whereas the Virginia Constitution enacts proscription in a form which Congress could not possibly reach. Either, therefore, Congress must exercise its revisory power with special reference to the proscriptive features of the pending local Constitution, or it will find its own authority in the matter of disabilities nullified by local law.

Judge UNDERWOOD, we observe, anticipates this effect and seeks to counteract it by misrepresentation. He alleges that the proposed Constitution merely embodies the provisions of the Reconstruction acts in regard to disfranchisement; the truth being that, after the preliminary stage, these acts impose no disfranchisement, while the Virginia Constitution would virtually render it perpetual. The Underwoods who framed the Constitution had a purpose, no doubt; and the desire for supremacy which animated them in the Convention will as surely induce them to resist conciliatory counsels. They are more anxious to dominate in Virginia than to promote the harmony of its people. It is to be hoped that Congress will take a broader view of its duty, and while firmly adhering to the essentials of reconstruction as defined by its own acts, will cordially reciprocate the overtures of moderate men who now seek the gradual obliteration of causes of quarrel. Their approaches are unquestionably dictated by necessity, but the opportunity they afford is one which timely wisdom and generosity on the part of Congress may turn to profitable account. The time is favorable to moderation if not to magnanimity. The excitement engendered by political contests, and by the plans and promises of one party, has died out. There are still causes of anxiety in the condition of Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas, and, perhaps, Louisiana; but the general condition of the South is more hopeful, and the general disposition of its white population more reasonable, than at any time these ten years. What is true of Georgia and the Carolinas, is in a large degree true of Virginia; the people care for nothing half so much as for material progress and prosperity; they realize the imperative need of peace and harmony as conditions of advancement, and, in the main, are prepared to cooperate with the authorities in the administration of the law. It might not be difficult to trace the alleged hatred and purpose to their source; but the fact of improvement should be sufficient to lead Congress not only to avoid fresh causes of irritation, but also to remove those which remain as rapidly as it can be done without detriment to the work of permanent restoration. While, therefore, there may be good reasons for declining to concur in the precise proposition of the compromising Virginians, there are others quite as valid which should lead Congress to do what it consistently can in the direction they desire to travel. The steps to be ordered in the case of Virginia furnish an occasion by which the friends of a conciliatory policy should strive to profit.

The Eastern Question—The First Session of the Conference.

The Paris Conference has met, and has held a long deliberation, lasting, as we learn by the cable, from 4 o'clock in the afternoon to 11 o'clock at night. The representatives of both Turkey and Greece, we are told, manifested a conciliatory disposition, and confidence is expressed in the pacific issue of the negotiations. We hope these anticipations may prove well founded, and that while Greece is compelled to retract from her untenable position with regard to the Cretan insurrection, and comply with the plain dictates of international law, Turkey may be forced, by the moral pressure of the Great Powers, to remove the more outrageous grievances under which not only the Cretans, but the general body of Christians under Ottoman rule, have hitherto suffered. Until this is done, it will be useless for Turkey to appeal to the peoples of Europe, even though it be the interest of certain Governments to do all they can in her behalf. Even England, whose traditional policy has been to uphold the integrity of Turkey at all risks, cannot do so any longer unless the fair promises of the Sultan, with regard to the better government of his Christian subjects, are carried out. No Government in England, Tory or Liberal, could go before the country with a cry of war on the Eastern question, as in 1854, unless the internal policy of Turkey be materially modified. The Sultan, there is every reason to believe, has adopted of late more enlightened views on the subject of religious toleration and equitable government than any of his predecessors on the throne ever entertained, but he has always been hindered, and still will be, in giving effect to them, by the obstinate bigotry and fanaticism of his Ministers, and by the selfish interest which nearly all the great officials of the Empire have in keeping up the present system of tyrannical extortion in all the departments of the administration.

It is quite possible that the Ottoman Government may give assurances during the Conference, that will enable the two Western Powers to hold out promises of support with some prospect of enlisting popular opinion on the same side. The day has gone by when the Governments of nations like France and England can even threaten war unless sure of a cause that will arouse popular enthusiasm.

On the other hand, Russia being notoriously unprepared for war, and probably not desirous of it in any case, Greece is scarcely likely to persist in any step which may bring down upon her the far superior strength of Turkey. And yet, if Russia declines to interfere, Greece would assuredly have to bear the brunt of a war with Turkey by herself, and the Government at Athens must surely feel the risk of utter ruin to the kingdom which they would incur by precipitating a war under the circumstances. As a rule Conferences are sources of danger, rather than agencies for peace, but in the present case, where the interests of both the Powers primarily concerned are so strongly on the side of peace, we must hope that the reassuring anticipations with regard to the opening session of the Conference may be fully borne out by its termination.

MINOR TOPICS.

The deep public interest in the case of the murder of Mr. ROGERS has a number of new developments to work upon. Whether the individual who surrendered himself to the Police on Saturday night be the culprit, is not yet established; and whether the actual murderer be ever convicted of the crime depends a great deal upon the course of the man who was his accomplice. The mere fact that the name of the individual who gave himself up answers to the superscription on the letter found in the murderer's pocket, is, of course, not conclusive; for he is the second individual of the same name who has been in the hands of the Police. Neither is the fact that he is the person on whom the suspicion of the Police was fastened, and of whom they have been in search for the past week, definite evidence. There are many items of presumptive evidence and circumstantial evidence against him which have been mentioned by the reporters and the Police,—such as to his movements during the past ten days,—the new coat and hat he wore, and which are supposed to have taken the place of those he left behind him,—his previous criminal character,—his contradictory accounts of the envelope addressed to him, and so forth. But the Police and the detectives must not yet relax their vigilant efforts;—they must be on the alert till the case is cleared up and the criminal brought to conviction.

Sheriff O'BRIEN gives rather a curious reason for interfering with the business of the Committee of Congress now in session here to investigate election frauds. He took away some of the witnesses who had been summoned to give testimony, which he alleges would have implicated him and was false. He says that "a constitutional officer has a right to arrest persons when he knows they are *about to commit* perjury." The Sheriff, we suspect, knows a good deal more about Ward politics than law, or his official rights.

The Cable brings in this paragraph:

HALIFAX, Jan. 9.—New-York friends of passengers on board the steamer *Borussia*, heretofore reported off Portland, England, with a broken shaft, and who *are anxiously inquiring on the subject by Cable*, are informed that all were safely landed on the 29th ult.

This is neither full nor explicit as to the experience of the *Borussia*, though it is doubtless a comforting assurance to the "friends" of the steamer's passengers. But we venture to suggest to the Company whether it would not be better, under all the circumstances, to withdraw that vessel from the line altogether. On her last voyage to this port, when only six days out, she sprung a leak, the fires were at once put out, and the engines disabled, and she was nearly seven days in reaching New-York, having put in at Halifax on her way for the purpose of making absolutely necessary repairs. The crew and a large number of other persons were kept at work pumping, and twenty of the passengers died,—the whole being subjected to a good deal of suffering,—before her arrival. In some way or other all detailed mention of these circumstances was kept out of the newspapers, and after staying here her usual time, the *Borussia* started on her return voyage, and, as is announced in the dispatch above quoted, arrived and landed her passengers "safely." We are quite sure the public at large would be glad to learn that she was no longer engaged in a service where she is liable to accidents so well calculated to excite anxiety on the part of the "friends" of those who trust themselves to her.

We are in favor of the ocean cable from San Francisco to Hong Kong. And we are in favor of half a dozen more railroads across the continent. And we are in favor of the establishment of steamship lines to run to all the principal ports of the globe. And we are in favor of every scheme of internal improvement and commercial extension that has been proposed. But at the same time we are opposed to the *Government* undertaking to pay for, or become responsible for, any of these little jobs at the present time. We know that they would only cost a few hundreds of millions of dollars, or, perhaps, a couple of thousand millions; and we are willing to admit that even if they cost more, they would be cheap at any price. But, then, the fact is that just at present it is impossible for us to spare a few hundred millions. In fact, to tell the whole truth, we haven't a dollar to give away or to lend at this time, and can't really afford to go in debt another dime until we are able to pay what we now owe. So we must postpone for a while longer the accomplishment of our desires about all those schemes.

The secret history of the removal of M. DE MOUSTIER from the position of Minister of Foreign Affairs of the French Government, will be found in our Continental Summary to-day.

The leading illustration in the last number of *Punch* is entitled "Under the Mistletoe," and represents old John Bull and Miss Columbia with clasped hands in the act of kissing each other under the mistletoe bow which the good-natured REVERDY JOHNSON is holding over their heads. It's all very nice,—especially for old John Bull.

Wall-street was almost completely restored to confidence and good feeling, on the afternoon of Saturday, by the highly favorable exhibit of the City banks, which showed a gain of $7,500,000 of deposits, nearly $6,750,000 of specie and $2,250,000 of legal-tender notes, with a reduction of nearly $300,000 in the loan averages, as compared with the footing of the preceding weekly return. Money closed quite easy for all prominent borrowers, at the legal rate of seven per cent.

In the latest of the kerosene murders in this City—that of the killing of a girl, on Saturday, "by accident,"—the Coroner's jury yesterday rendered a verdict of "culpable conduct" on the part of those who manufactured and sold the kerosene. In all the numerous and ever-recurring kerosene accidents, the same verdict might be given. It would be well for Coroner's juries always to give it, and in course of time the law on the subject might be enforced.

It is a frequent thing now for the English to get their most important news from China by way of America and through the telegraph from New-York. Recently, they have in this way been getting the latest news of the movements of their own fleets in Chinese waters. The London papers of the 23d December contain news of the same date from this City, which had come from Hong Kong *via* San Francisco, to the effect that "the British fleet had arrived before Nankin, and had demanded and received reparation for the insults to the missionaries at Yang-Chow." Accompanying this were other items of news about the progress of the Ling rebellion and the proclamations that had been issued by the Chinese Government. In the course of time the English will get goods from China in the same way that they now get news.

We published not long ago, in the columns of the TIMES, a communication from a resident of Staten Island, complaining that the North Shore line of ferry-boats were badly managed, and that owing to the gross carelessness of those in charge of the worn-out steamers, the lives of passengers had been greatly imperiled on several occasions. Added to these grievances were others, very annoying. The irregularity of running time, and the delay in accomplishing the trips to and from the City, for instance, indeed, matters were said to be about as bad as they could possibly be. The rapidly increasing population of the island demands more abundant ferry accommodation, and that forthwith. The people who are compelled to pass daily over this route should have at least six good boats,—swift and safe,—running every half hour, and the fare should not be more than five cents. Shall we have a new company, who will regard the interests of their patrons?

Those interested in what seems to be the rather exciting question of *fish-culture* will be gratified by the publication of a series of papers in the *Spirit of the Times*, by that well-known amateur, GEORGE C. SCOTT. They are entitled, "How to Improve the Fisheries," and the first paper appears in the current issue of the *Spirit*. It contains a great deal of information, especially about the culture of salmon, and indicates the means by which our rivers may be restocked with that superb fish. Mr. SCOTT has given much attention to this subject, and we would copy his article if our columns were not filled by the news of the day. He is the advocate of a system for improving both salt and fresh-water fisheries. He holds that old fishermen should be made officers and wardens of salt-water fisheries, while private

WASHINGTON POLITICS.

Progress of Legislation—Prospect of the Tariff—Effect of Mr. Wells' Report—Anticipated Onslaught by the Tariff Advocates—Cabinet Talk—Sanguine Expectations of Candidates—Mr. Morton's Letter.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, Jan. 9, 1869.

The sum total of the week's session is the passage by the House of the two least important appropriation bills—the Pensions and the West Point Military Academy. The Consular and Diplomatic will be finished on Monday and the Naval will follow. These are all yet reported, leaving six more to come. They can scarcely be all finished in the House before the middle of February, and their final passage through both Houses will scarcely be possible before the very last days of the session. Being privileged in their character, they can be called up at any time, and thus take precedence of all other business. A skillful manager can impede any other important measure, such as the Tariff bill, for instance, to such an extent as to render its passage almost impossible. It will be interesting, therefore, to watch the progress of the Tariff bill. It is the opinion of many here, even its best friends, that it will have a difficult journey through the two Houses. But its friends will make a very vigorous effort for its success. The advocates of extreme protection are greatly discomfited by the damage to their interests effected by the facts so ably stated and practically illustrated in Commissioner WELLS' report. They have set themselves at work to gather facts of a counter purport, and they admit that they will be defeated if his statements are not broken down. So you may expect to see a vigorous onslaught on Mr. WELLS the moment the tariff is again reached. It will be a warm fight if it once begins. I learn that the Commissioner has in reserve a large supply of facts of a still more damaging character to those monopolies that wish to lay the whole country under tribute—such, for instance, as the dividends of many of the leading manufacturing companies, made under oath to the United States assessors. The simple truth is, the Commissioner has planted himself in the strongest position in exhausting the subject by a profound, practical and impartial investigation, biased by no other interest than the public good; hence he knows what he is talking about, wherein he has the advantage of many who urge an enlargement of the present enlarged boundaries of protection. The response to Mr. WELLS' report from all quarters, is extremely flattering to him. From no quarter is the approval stronger than from those manufacturers who suffer by the absurd incongruities of the tariff, so pointedly indicated in the report. The iron and coal interests of Pennsylvania are indignant, of course, and their representatives will make an attempt to overturn the arguments of the report. If they succeed, they will furnish a valuable contribution to the literature of political economy.

It is the universal remark that no one can remember a similar time in the history of incoming Administrations, when the commencement of its official functions was so near, and yet so little known concerning the personnel of the new Government. Gen. GRANT is proving to be "a remarkable receptacle of information," said a prominent officer the other day; "he drinks it all in, but vouchsafes never a word in reply to indicate the decision of his mind." "Yet," continued the same person, who has had much conversation with Gen. GRANT, "I have no doubt but that he has his decision generally made up, and the men for the Cabinet fixed upon, subject to such changes as new information and maturer consideration may suggest." The source of this utterance is such as to give it much weight, but as I cannot reveal it, your readers will have to take my word for it. Gen. GRANT does not discuss names for the Cabinet with his callers. With those who have a right to talk on the subject he discusses principles and ideas which should govern the selection of the men. He has said, I believe, that in selecting a Cabinet he would be governed by the same consideration which governed him in selecting his staff and his Generals, to wit: Their entire fitness for the work they had to perform. A very plain and simple proposition, truly; but one which, if acted upon, will work a great reform in the Government. While Gen. GRANT is thus making up his own conclusion, it is both interesting and amusing to watch the outside indications. I have in my mind at least half a dozen gentlemen who think their chances of "being struck by lightning"—which is the favorite illustration here of the chances for the Cabinet—are excellent; and I know of one or two who take great delight in telling their most confidential friends that they feel perfectly certain that they are fixed upon by the "coming man." It has been suggested, in view of the frequent premature publications by the Press of important matters, that if the Cabinet announcement gets out before its time, it will be easy to fix the responsibility—Gen. GRANT being the only person who knows anything about it.

Senator MORTON did not, as the *Tribune* charges, give his reply first to the public through the columns of a Democratic paper. The letter was furnished to the correspondents of all the New-York papers, and of the Associated Press, at the same time. As it was not news, most of the correspondents sent it by mail. The correspondent of the Democratic paper in question, not knowing the difference between an argument and a fact, subjected his paper to the unnecessary expense and the letter to a mutilated publication, by telegraphing it. That is how it happened. CYRUS.

THE NATIONAL FINANCES.

Letter from Hon. Thomas Ewing to the Senate Committee on the Finances—Elaborate Discussion of the Question and Important Suggestions.

WASHINGTON, Sunday, Jan. 10.

The following letter has been written by THOMAS EWING, formerly Secretary of the Treasury, to the Committee on Finance of the United States Senate:

GENTLEMEN: Understanding that you have the subjects of finance, the national debt and the currency now under consideration in your honorable body, I take the liberty of presenting you some views which, though they by no means attempt to compass these most intricate questions, yet, as they are founded on some reading and much careful consideration, may be found useful as suggestions in the progress of your investigation.

It has been, in my opinion, from the first exceedingly desirable to separate all questions of national debt and currency and finance from general politics, as there is great danger, when these become party questions that heated controversy, which is always more or less unreasoning and unjust, should lead the party dominant for the time into acts subversive of the public faith, or injurious to the public welfare. Unfortunately, however, they have to some extent become an element of party strife, and there is danger that in the vicissitudes of events injustice may be done by one party to the people—the taxpayers—who are the creditor class, and as a consequent reaction, at some future day, perhaps not far distant, to the creditor. If the creditor be adjusted now more than he is equitably and fairly entitled to, that very fact is likely to produce a change of popular feeling, and with it of political power, which will give less. My hope and desire is, that all open questions now ripe for settlement may be settled fairly and justly, by the present Congress, even as they would be settled in a court of equity between man and man, with this saving clause, that whatever is distinctly written down in the bond of the United States, is a contract which must be strictly complied with, although, as between individuals, it might be considered as tainted with exorbitant usury, for it is not most that a sovereign should set up the defense to mitigate the harassing of his own contracts. In the case of the five-twenties, the bonds of 1862, which are now payable—and this is the proper time to consider, then and there—we managed to say, and

have thus far paid, six dollars a year in gold on a sum which, when loaned to us, was equivalent in value to less than eighteen dollars in gold; that is to say, we have for seven years paid on the five-twenties of 1862, and greatly positive, and at least per cent. interest on the gold actually invested by the creditor, and actually received by the United States. This in the show payable, amounts in the aggregate to the sum of $650,000,000. If we offer now to pay the creditor the interest at the rate of six per cent. on these bonds up to the first day of May, 1869, and to then pay him in the funds which we received of him, and undertook to pay him, or in some other security which he will prefer, we do him ample justice; but if we give him an advantage beyond this, we are generous to him, but unjust to the people who are the debtors.

We are not bound in faith or morals to make the fund which we pay to the creditor for his principal be it what it may, gold or legal-tender notes—worth more at the time of payment than it was worth when it was borrowed. This appears to me strictly just—the view which a righteous arbitrator or judge would take of the subject if submitted to him for decision; and it were better for the creditor than an embarrassed generosity which would promise him more than he is entitled to, when the debtor is but just able to comply with his actual contract, fairly interpreted. Looked at in this point of view nations are nothing. If you borrow a piece of coin called a dollar, having in it 100 cents' worth of pure metal, and by virtue of your sovereign power so debase your coin that the dollar contains but seventy-five cents' worth, it is repudiation or its equivalent—not justice. If you, in behalf of the nation, borrow coin having in it but seventy-five cents' worth of pure metal and call it a dollar, and afterward improve your coin and put in it one hundred cents' worth of pure metal to make the dollar, and pay this improved dollar to discharge the item of the baser coin, it is scarcely to the lender and injustice to the nation—it is taking from the tax-payer without reason and giving to the capitalist without consideration. The same is the case whether the fund loaned and borrowed be adulterated coin or depreciated currency.

Having found the true measure of justice, you may safely do it without fear of being chargeable with undue partiality to the paying over the receiving class. They are all alike your constituents. You are the representatives and may safely make yourselves the imperial representatives of all. A distinction may be suggested as to the foreign creditor but if you do justice to the domestic you do justice also to the foreign creditor, and, peradventure, your two bodies have much more than their due proportion of creditors, as compared with the outside masses of the community, who are producers and tax-payers, so that your members, as a body, are personally interested on the side of the bondholders rather than the taxpayers, and when it comes to the question of the sudden or hasty resumption of specie payment you may meet it with a conclusive, an overwhelming argument, in proof of your disinterestedness. You have not only a larger proportion of creditors than debtors in your two bodies, but your salaries will be to each worth $1,700 a year more in gold than it is now worth, while paid in legal-tender currency.

It is clear that as individuals and as a party you are safe in doing simple justice. The question then at once arises—what can you do, and what ought you to do at once to lighten the enormous burdens resting on the productive industry—the labor—of the country?

We are now paying an excessive interest, such as no nation worth a cent ever yet paid for a long period of time—such as no nation can long continue to pay, and enjoy credit at home and abroad; and we must continue to pay it until our bonds be paid or funded on reasonable terms. There is some talk of borrowing to pay our debt! We cannot borrow with this enormous load of annual interest upon us, except on terms of like extravagance. We may, perhaps, buy our six per cent. five-twenties with bonds at a fraction less interest, having a longer term to run, and with principal and interest expressly payable in gold, but this would not much relieve our burdens, or at all relieve the doubt which hangs over our ability, and which depresses our securities in foreign markets.

It is thought by many advisable to hasten by legislative action the resumption of specie payments—that is to say, the restoration of specie currency, and making gold and silver the only legal tender in payment of debts. Those who propose this here not, it seems to me, well considered it. A general provision of the kind would be productive of much hardship and injustice to the debtor class of our community—the class made up of our active young business men, merchants, manufacturers, shippers, in short the producing class—those who combine their own personal energies with borrowed capital, and thus build up gradually an independence for themselves while they give prosperity to the country. Now, if we resume specie payments at once, and make gold and silver the only legal tender, we ruin this whole class of business men at once and drive them to bank rupter. If their debts now amount to $6,000,000,000, repeal the Legal-tender act, or otherwise force an immediate resumption of specie current, you add by a stroke of the pen $2,000,000,000 to their debts; and the mischief does not end here—you disturb the business relations of the country, close manufactories, deprive laborers of employment for a time, until the business of the country can shift hands and be readjusted and rearranged. If you pass an act postponing resumption for two years, and then making it absolute, you produce the same result in a very slightly mitigated degree. Make the greenbacks payable in gold in two years, and they will be at once bought up and hoarded by capitalists. To all who understand their value they would be worth all, or more by much, as gold, less two years' discount upon them—not quite twelve per cent. The debtor class then instantly suffer a loss of about twenty-two per cent. on $6,000,000,000 of indebtedness—a loss of $1,320,000,000 taken from the debtor and given to the creditor class, for which it will be difficult to find a reason other than the true kingly one, "I owe you much, and you owe me little," and, peradventure, when it should produce its full effect, would make our national debt, now equivalent to $1,850,000,000 in gold, rise at once in value to $2,500,000,000; making an increased gold indebtedness of $650,000,000; and it would at once involve the payment of interest on amount of additional debt nearly equal to our present greenback currency, adding nearly $18,000,000 to our annual interest. This looks like sinking the ship, and I am afraid of it. It is certainly better to let the law of trade regulate the currency than to hasten measures fraught with such consequences; and yet for a time

"Rather bear the ills we have
Than fly to others—"

of which we know quite too much to meet, if we can avoid them.

The evil must be very great that will justify so harsh a remedy. It would operate most severely on men below middle age, the relics of our hard-fought battles. The energy of our people would rise in time above it, but it would, as its first effect, bring ruin into many humble but industrious and happy families. Business would begin to revive upon the broken and ruined men, driven to bankruptcy by the stern pressure of your legislation, should be replaced by another generation of business men, and not till then. The object of this proposed, most dangerous, measure is to remove the evils of a depreciated currency. The end is good, but not worth the sacrifice it must involve. It would enrich the capitalist—generally a non-producer, one who has inherited, or acquired by his thrift and sagacity, wealth already created to his hand; a worthy and meritorious class of citizens, but not a class which should be singled out from all other classes and made the objects of especial favor. The burden of the war, which almost crushed the nation, has not borne heavily on them. They loaned the United States a very large amount of money, each hundred dollars of which ranged in value from a little less than forty to about eighty dollars, at six dollars a year interest, in gold, for every nominal one hundred—making the aggregate interest on the whole debt when reduced to average value of about twelve per cent. This debt, if we compound the interest, which is the legitimate mode of estimating it, when paid principally, (for the interest may be at once invested and made to produce interest,) doubles every six years. Thus the purchaser of five-twenties who purchased when currency was worth fifty cents on the dollar, will, when they become due, at the end of twenty years, have received something more than four times the amount of his original investment in interest, and twice its amount in principal—six times the amount of his investment in twenty years. Thus long, I understand, it is proposed in your Committee to let the present bonds run, and in the meantime resume specie payment; that the question of specie payments may be put out of the way as a disturbing element before you proceed to mind the debt. Do this, and there will be no longer a middle course between repudiation and a condition of usury at which just men will revolt. You put the nation at once in the power of the creditor; you can no longer hope to fund at a less rate than six per cent. in gold our present bonds that cost fifty cents in gold for every nominal dollar; so that in ninety-six years the people will pay on every million of actual dollars borrowed, $16,384,000,000, and on our whole debt nearly one thousand times that sum—an array of numbers which, like the figures representing stellar spaces, makes the head swim. The mind cannot compass it; but, being translated into plain, intelligible English, it signifies national bankruptcy and ruin. The result of this large accumulation of interest in long periods of time has given rise to frequent outbreaks of popular feeling against usurers and those suspected of favoring them, and nations have enacted laws, and Courts have been astute to construe law so as to guard against it. The Year of Jubilee in England was instituted to guard against this tendency to accumulation, and the Jews, for their habit of growing rich on the profits of capital invested and reinvested, were for centuries persecuted and plundered by every people in Europe. This, of course, was the wild impulse of a barbarous age; but the other extreme ought to be avoided, and while the capitalist is protected in all his rights, he is evidently, in the corrected opinion of mankind, not entitled to special legislative favor. Give him simple justice and he will take care of himself and cover his way safely through all financial vicissitudes; and this is all that an intelligent public will allow you to give him. In Europe, though the accumulation of interest is comparatively slow, families and firms who pursue it assiduously and persistently for a generation or two become aristocrats; they decide questions of peace and war, and in effect rule the world. Hence, in the rapid accumulation of interest—especially if the specie proposition prevails—it will take but a few brief years to make the money-power supreme and place our free Republic under the control of a monied aristocracy—Freedmen and Seamen will be in their hands but as toys.

The public debt—those who create the capital which must pay the debts, public and private, are, as I have already said, the laboring men, and the farmers and manufacturers, their immediate employers. Many of these are the soldiers who fought our battles, who have returned to their homes broken in health, broken in fortune, rich only in military glory, and who will not be willing to have imposed on them a heavy additional burden of taxation by way of a gratuitous compliment to the wealthy bondholder who paid at home and lent money at an enormous interest.

It is proposed to separate all these evils—issue

bankruptcy and ruin on Capital and the laboring class of our citizens, who compose the part of Capital like a fortress, hoard in battle, in order to escape from the present evil of a depreciated currency. I have already expressed the opinion that the subject to be gained—though a worthy object—is not worth the sacrifice. Let us look at it more closely and test its value more accurately.

A depreciated currency—one below the standard of the civilized world—is an evil, but by no means so great as has been assumed without proof—loosely thought and yet loosely represented. A careful analysis will show that the mass of its ills will not long carry with them their own compensatory remedies. Without discussing the question fully a few of these I will consider.

First, as between the United States and foreign nations. The lower standard of our currency has, I think, no positive effect. As to our exports, a pound of cotton or a bushel of wheat brings equal as much coin or goods in England as it would bring if gold were our home currency, and such foreign goods, when imported, at once assume the value in currency due to the article exported or exchanged, with the addition of freight, commissions and duty, also changed from gold to currency, and though our tariff duties are specific, the foreign merchant must pay large exchange for gold; yet if they are bondholders and exchange our five-twenties for coin they get, at present rates of exchange, about seventy-five cents on the dollar—just what our currency is worth at home in gold, with a small excess for securing interest, being considerably more than they paid in gold when they purchased. So that in our trade and intercourse with foreign nations the mischief suffers greatly by the present condition of our currency.

And how is it at home, in the ordinary transactions between man and man? I am hardly think of any branch of business or any occupation which has not pretty well adjusted itself to the existing standard. The importing merchant sells higher; the retail merchant and the manufacturer, and the farmer all sell higher, and the laborer receives higher wages—all in pretty fair proportion to the changed value of the currency. An immediate resumption of specie payment would unsettle the present relations of the various branches of business to each other, and give the tax-seeting and sagacious speculator a most decided advantage over the ordinary, industrious million. It would not embarrass the creditor—the capitalist—he knows how to adapt his business to every revulsion, monetary or commercial. He never makes a mistake, but if you make one, he well knows how to turn it promptly to his advantage. Immediate resumption would, as I have shown above, increase the debt of the debtor class about $2,000,000,000, and add that much effective capital to the creditor class, provided the debtors remain able to pay. It would also, if our solvency under such mesmeriser legislation be relied on, make our debt at once about $650,000,000 larger than it now is. If 1,600,000,000 bushels of wheat will now pay the debt, resume specie payment at once and make gold the only legal tender, wheat must fall as low as one dollar a bushel, and it will take 2,900,000,000 bushels to pay it, making a sacrifice of 800,000,000 bushels of our great staple at once, and, as far as I can perceive, to no good purpose. It would not improve our national credit. A debtor who owes as much as he can pay, by strictly limiting his liabilities to his ability to discharge them, will have better credit if he calculates closely and cavil for a single hair than by heaping Ossa on Pelion in his unbounded liberality. *Shylock*, niggard as he was, had doubtless better credit on the Rialto than *Bustanio*, with all his chivalrous generosity.

The principal objection to a national legal-tender currency is its tendency to fluctuation; but this is much less than is generally supposed. The British consols, which are the national currency in nearly all large transactions, fluctuate but little. Our ten-forties, which in some degree assume their place here, are very stable in value, as also are our greenbacks, when compared by Government operations in gold. Still all fluctuate in value, and so, indeed, does gold, compared with everything that supplies the wants of civilized man. I am not quite sure that a paper currency, resting on a solvent nation's faith, will fluctuate more or be more sensitive to commercial vicissitudes than this coin. Improvident legislation would doubtless make it so, as it is much more fully in the power and under the control of the Government.

It is not the depreciated currency but the heavy annual interest on the debt that presses with such enormous weight on the productive industry of the country. We, the people, want to reduce this burden of interest and bring it within a manageable compass. This can be done only by funding that portion of the debt which is payable, and as it shall become payable at a reasonable rate of interest, and it is now in your power to take an important and decisive step in that direction. There is $500,000,000 of the five-twenties of 1862 now payable, at the pleasure of the Government, in legal-tender currency, or whenever else the creditor and the Government may, by mutual agreement, prefer to legal tenders—say bonds redeemable in forty years, bearing an interest of four per cent—perhaps three and a half were better.

But here we are met with what may be called the previous question. The currency is depreciated, let us say some; make that equivalent to gold, and then, this disturbing element being removed, proceed to fund. This, I take it, is the bondholder's proposition, for it would place the nation in his power and enable him to dictate terms. In behalf of the people, I would say to the holders of Government bonds that the funding of the debt and the reduction of interest which is most immediately pressing, should be first disposed of—removed out of the way as "a disturbing element," and afterward that the resumption of specie payments be considered, or that the question be left where it belongs, to be settled by the law of trade. Whenever our currency unaided by the operation of that law becomes equivalent to gold, the question is settled.

The act of Feb. 25, 1862, which provides for the issue of the $500,000,000 of Five-twenties, provides expressly that Treasury notes, which at also authorized, shall be receivable in the payment of all taxes, internal duties, excises, debts and demands of every kind due to the United States except duties on imports, and of all claims and demands of every kind whatsoever against the United States, except interest upon bonds and notes, which shall be paid in coin; and shall also be lawful money and a legal tender in payment of all debts, public and private, within the United States, except duties on imports and interest as aforesaid."

This law is the authority of the Secretary of the Treasury to borrow the money. Having delegated powers in this, it gives him instructions as to the management of the finances; but these instructions having nothing to do with the loan or the contract with the creditor, or more than the economical resolution of the ordinary debtor has to do with his contract with his creditor. The creditor in either case has entire interest in the general good financial management of his debtor, but a departure by the debtor from his expressed purpose is no breach of the contract unless it be distinctly inserted and expressed as a pledge. In this case the United States borrows its own legal-tender notes, and stipulates that the interest on the bonds which it exchanges for them shall be paid in gold. But the creditor is at the same time told, and it is made part of the contract, that when the principal becomes payable at the end of five years he must receive in payment legal-tender notes—precisely the character of funds which he lent, unless by a new arrangement the creditor may give him something which he prefers—and there is no pledge contained in the law or in the contract, it is alleged by forced implication, that the United States will not provide, in due time, in the way deemed most expedient, legal-tender notes to make the payment.

What is said of promises made by the Secretary of the Treasury and his agents, that the bonds would be redeemed in specie, is so far absurd that no respectable lawyer would venture to urge it in a court of justice. The act of Congress, which was the Secretary's power or attorney, was in the hands of the whole reading public, especially of the capitalist and his counsel, who could not fail to know that the Secretary had no power to pledge the government by parole, or in any manner not written down in the law. He doubtless entertained and expressed a strong opinion that specie payments would be assumed before the bonds became payable, but the nation is certainly under no obligation now to bankrupt itself, and add its whole wealth for ages to the already enormous profits of the capitalists, in order to make good the prediction.

This settles the question as to the right of the United States to pay these bonds in legal-tender notes, if nothing more acceptable to the debtor and creditor can be agreed on. I would then propose that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to prepare and hold for delivery $1,000,000,000 in bonds, payable at the option of the United States at any time after the expiration of forty years, bearing an annual interest of four per cent., payable semi-annually, both principal and interest in gold—continue by law the payment of gold for the customs duties and pledge their proceeds for the payment of interest on the bonds until they be paid and refund—and by a present act appropriate the proceeds of those duties to the payment of such interest during the continuance of the bonds, and authorize and require the Secretary of the Treasury, without any further act of appropriation, to pay such interest, as it shall accrue—and exempt the bonds from taxation by the United States and Territories, and all municipal corporations in any State or Territory or district within the United States.

I would make the pledge of the Customs appropriation absolute and enduring, so that no further legislation would be necessary to pay the interest on the bonds until the time when they should be finally paid and retired—lest there should be an negligent repudiation by failure of one House to pass, or of the President to sign, an appropriation bill, and no active repudiation, unless the President and both Houses of Congress should concur in making themselves parties to the national dishonor—a degradation which we may safely pronounce impossible. The semi-annual payment of the interest would thus be made absolutely certain, until the principal should be paid; and the more remote that day the more valuable would be the bonds. They would be the best money securities in the markets of the world—safer and exposed to fewer risks than the British consols, and better by their one per cent. excess of interest.

And I would direct the Secretary of the Treasury to retain or issue the requisite amount of legal-tender notes, give notice that he is ready to redeem the whole issue of 1862 at the Treasury on the 1st of May, 1869, in legal-tender notes or in four per cent. forty-year bonds, secured as above, at the option of the creditor, and to exchange at some convenient point in Europe the forty-year bonds for the five-twenties, whether the latter be payable or not, making allowance for the excess of interest on the five-twenties where they are not yet payable, and leave the bonds which become payable at a future day and which are thus exchanged to be subsequently dealt with by a future Congress.

Avoid the absurdity of a sinking fund—the wild unreasoned scheme of an ingenious visionary, which always has resulted and always will result in nothing. If there be at any time a surplus in the Treasury, after paying interest on the debt and meeting the wants of Government it can be made to sink the debt by the purchase of just so much of bonds as the spare fund will buy; and the interest thus saved is quite as available as the interest that would be made by locating it out as a sinking fund, and generally, if not always, it would be a

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from the magnitude of the enterprise. The [illegible] are varied enough, and, in fact, are so simple that good taste and sound sense are absolutely needed to do justice to the liberal [illegible] of Mr. Hammerstein. The guest has the run of the house, from the basement to the garret—and the house is discouragingly large, even for the hungriest of guests. Nevertheless, it has been nightly filled. The ladies for the most part are on the stage, and the gentlemen in front.

Mr. HAMMERSTEIN's new theatre will be opened on the 25th. A rehearsal has already been called.

A lady, who comes strongly recommended from Europe, Mme. ELENA LAZARY, will shortly make her début (19th proximo) in Steinway Hall. She is described as an admirable prima donna soprano.

Signor GEORGIO ROSCONI, one of the greatest artists of the age, has established himself here as a Professor of Singing and Musical Declamation. His residence is at No. 210 East Thirteenth-street.

Mr. GRAU produces to-night HERVE's opera bouffe of "L'Œil Crevé"—a work which, in Paris, has withstood the popularity of OFFENBACH. It will be cast to the full strength of the company, and everything has been done in the way of dresses and scenery to insure its success. Mlle. ROSE-BERG is now convalescent, and will interpret the principal role.

Signor SEVERINI's last morning concert takes place to-day (Steinway Hall) at 2:30. The gentleman will be assisted by Mr. S. B. MILLS.

Mme. PAREPA-ROSA made her rentrée at Steinway Hall on Friday last, and was received, of course, with the customary favor. The lady's trip to California and journey across the plains has had no perceptible effect on the beauty and charm of her voice. Nor has it increased her repertory. We were favored with two familiar pieces—the scene from "Der Freischütz" and MICHAEL's song of "Waiting"—an admirable composition. Both pieces were sung deliciously and encored. Mr. ROSA played a couple of morceaux clearly, and Mr. BRACKNEUS BOWLER and Signor FERRANTI did credit to themselves and the programme. We cannot agree with the latter gentleman and CAMPANA that it is necessary to "See Naples and Die." There are certain musical conditions under which it might be preferable to die without seeing Naples, or going anywhere near where its music is heard. Mr. J. LEVY, the great cornet player, made his reappearance on this occasion. He is, if possible, more remarkable now than when he made his bow to us some three years ago. In brilliancy of execution, power and quality of tone, and general nerve he is without an equal. It is indeed a privilege to listen to an artist of such singular merit. The public was clearly of this mind, for after each solo there was a tumult of applause and a demand for more. On Friday next Mme. PAREPA-ROSA gives her second and last concert.

Our readers will be glad to hear that the Madrigal and Glee Concert, recently given at Steinway Hall, will be repeated there on the 26th. The programme will be somewhat altered and curtailed, but the best features of the first concert will be retained. Miss MATILDA E. TOEDT has been engaged as violinist.

"Humpty Dumpty" has nearly touched his second year at the Olympic.

The *matinées* at the New-York Circus are as popular as ever, but as many of the youngsters have returned to school they are now only given twice a week. The scenes in the circle and the burlesque are admirable.

At BRYANT's and the San Francisco Minstrels there are no important changes.

There were concerts last evening at Irving Hall and Steinway. Mr. THEODORE THOMAS' regular Sunday concert took place at the last-named establishment.

Mme. PAREPA-ROSA will give a concert at the Brooklyn Academy of Music to-morrow evening, (Tuesday, Jan. 12.)

At Steinway Hall Mr. OLE BULL appears to-morrow evening for the last time. The great violinist is assisted by artists of first-rate ability.

Mr. J. F. POOLE's prize drama of "Blue Skin; or, Jack and His Pals," will be given at the Bowery Theatre to-night. There are a few other dramas, tragedies, spectacles and plays on the bill.

The second concert of the Philharmonic Society took place on Saturday. Our remarks are deferred in consequence of the pressure on our columns.

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BALDWIN—CLINTON.—In Buffalo, on Tuesday, Jan. 5, by Right Rev. Arthur Cleveland COXE, assisted by Rev. Dr. Shelton, Mr. A. H. BALDWIN, of Hudson, Wis., to Miss MINNIE W., daughter of Hon. Geo. W. Clinton, of the former place.

BURNHAM—SCHERMERHORN.—On Thursday, Jan. 7, at the residence of the bride's father, by Dr. Henry C. Potter, SAMUEL W. BURNHAM, Jr., to FANNY, daughter of Wm. G. Schermerhorn, Esq., all of this City.

DOUGLASS—RILEY.—At Montrose, Penn., on Thursday, Jan. 7, by Rev. Henry A. Riley, Rev. BENJAMIN J. DOUGLASS, of Columbia, Penn., to JULIA R., daughter of the officiating clergyman.

BIGGS—GORTON.—At Emmanuel Church, in the village of Norwich, N. Y., on Saturday morning, Dec. 26, by Rev. E. E. Lewis, Rector, MARCUS C. BIGGS, Esq., of the City of New-York, to MARGARET R. GORTON, of the former place.

DIED.

ALLEN.—At his residence, No. 19 West 11th-st., on Friday evening, Jan. 8, ALFRED W. ALLEN, in the 44d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the deceased are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, on Monday afternoon, Jan. 11, at 1 o'clock.

BUEL.—At White Water, Mo., on Friday, Jan. 1, of typhoid fever, in the 22d year of his age, BENJAMIN W. BUEL, youngest son of Dr. Wm. P. Buel, formerly of this City.

The relatives and friends of the family, also those of his brothers, Joshua, Jacob, Caleb and William, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 24 West 38th-st, on Wednesday, Jan. 13, at 2 o'clock P. M.

CLARKSON.—At Flatbush, L. I., on Sunday morning, Jan. 10, DAVID F. CLARKSON, in the 72d year of his age.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, Flatbush, on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 3 o'clock P. M. Cars leave the Fulton Ferry every 15 minutes.

COWDIN.—On Sunday, Jan. 10, Mrs. MARY COWDIN, aged 56 years.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 1 P. M., from the M. E. Church in Greene, near Broome-st.

DWIGHT.—At Roxbury, Mass., on Friday, Jan. 8, JULIA P., daughter of the late William B. Dwight, of Brooklyn.

The friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral services at the house of Prof. Robt. E. Raymond, No. 197 Henry-st., Brooklyn, on Monday, the 11th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M.

VANDERPOEL.—On Saturday, Jan. 9, HENRY GRIFFITH, youngest daughter of Dudley M. and Carrie V. Ferguson, aged 1 year, 5 months and 28 days.

Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 1 P. M., from the residence of her grandfather, Jacob Hopper, No. 36 West 35th-st.

FRASER.—On Saturday evening, Jan. 9, Miss ROSINA R. FRASER.

Her friends and those of her brothers, Alfred S. Fraser and the late Capt. Alexander V. Fraser, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral at her residence, 134 West 44th-st., this day, (Monday,) the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

GRANT.—On Saturday, Jan. 9, NELLIE K., infant daughter of Addison K. Grant, aged 3 months and 21 days.

GREGORY.—At Flushing, L. I., on Saturday, Jan. 9, in the 26th year of his age, FRANK, youngest son of G. R. Gregory.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the Episcopal Church, in Flushing, on Monday, the 11th inst., at 2 o'clock P. M.

HARRIS.—At Paris, France, on Thursday, Jan. 7, TRACY H. HARRIS, of this City, in the 26th year of his age.

Notice of the funeral will be given upon the arrival of the remains for interment.

HANAWAY.—On Saturday, Jan. 9, 1869, ANNELIA V. HANAWAY.

The funeral will take place this day, (Monday,) Jan. 11, at 1 o'clock, from her mother's residence, No. 426 West 35th-st. The friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend.

JENKINS.—At Palatka, Fla., on Saturday, Jan. 2, BENJAMIN R. JENKINS of Passaic, N. J., in the 22d year of his age.

☞ Hudson, N. Y., papers please copy.

KELLY.—On Friday morning, Jan. 8, 1869, at her home, No. 415 Sixth-st., Brooklyn, E. D., MARGARET, relict of William Kelly, aged 86 years.

Her friends and relatives and those of her sons, Thomas and Joseph Kelly, and her daughters, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Webb and Mrs. Parvin, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral from her late residence, on Monday, the 11th inst., at 2½ o'clock, without further notice. Her remains will be taken to Green-Wood for interment.

PUTNAM.—On Friday evening, Jan. 8, Mrs. CATHERINE HUSS PUTNAM, in the 78th year of her age.

Her friends and those of her son, Geo. F. Putnam, and of her sons-in-law, Isaac T. Smith and H. B. Snelling, are invited to attend her funeral on Monday, Jan. 11, at 11 o'clock A. M., from the residence of Isaac T. Smith, No. 220 West 23d-st.

MACGREGOR.—On Saturday, Jan. 9, of scarlet fever, JAMES ROBERTSON, son of Dr. James H. and Alice E. MacGregor, aged 1 year, 1 month and 18 days.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-day, (Monday,) at 12 o'clock M., from the residence of his parents, 256-st., between 3d and 4th ave.

POST.—On Sunday, Jan. 10, CAROLINE, wife of Peter M. Post, in the 65th year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at 1 o'clock, from the 16th-st. Baptist Church, near 5th-av. The remains will be taken to Green-Wood for interment.

RUGGLES.—On Saturday, Jan. 9, in the 35 year of his age, GARRY, son of G. W., Jr., and Kate T. Ruggles.

Friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of his parents, No. 82 West 12th-st., on Monday, the 11th inst., at 10 A. M.

SANFORD.—At New-Haven, on Saturday morning, Jan. 9, HENRY SANFORD, in the 84th year of his age.

THORN.—On Saturday evening, Jan. 9, at 11 o'clock, after a short illness, MARY THORN, wife of Jonathan Thorn, aged 65 years, 11 months and 9 days.

The relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 3 P. M., from her late residence, No. 9 Amity-place, New-York City.

VALENTINE.—Early on Saturday morning, Jan. 9, SARAH, wife of Thomas Valentine, in the 73d year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral on Monday, Jan. 11, at 11 o'clock, from her late residence, No. 68 4th-st., Brooklyn, E. D., without further invitation.

WATERS.—In Brooklyn, on Friday, Jan. 8, after a lingering illness, EDWARD WATERS, in the 72d year of his age.

The funeral services will be held at his late residence, No. 24 Bergen-st., Brooklyn, on Monday, Jan. 11, at 2½ P. M. Relatives and friends are invited to attend without further notice.

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No. 43 Wall-st.

MERCHANTS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—Notice is hereby given that a vote of the shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock of this Association to go into liquidation, has been taken, and that they have this Association is closing up its affairs accordingly.
And the holders of the notes of this Association and other creditors thereof are hereby notified to present said notes and other claims against this Association for payment at the banking-house of said Association in the City of Troy.
Dated Troy, Jan. 31, 1869.
By order of the Board of Directors.
FRS. SIMS, Cashier.
This Bank has reorganized as a State Institution and will continue business as usual, under the name of The Merchants' and Mechanics' Bank of Troy.

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TENTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 52 BROAD-ST., CORNER EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year will be held at the Banking-house, No. 52 Broad-st., corner Exchange-place, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's office, No. 71 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, commencing at 12 o'clock M. and closing at 1 o'clock P. M.
A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE METROPOLITAN GAS LIGHT CO.,
CORNER OF BROADWAY AND CEDAR-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1868.
THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company, for the election of Directors, will be held at the office of the Company, Broadway, corner of Cedar-st., on MONDAY, Jan. 11, 1869. Poll opened at 12 M. and closed at 1 P. M.
WM. MERKLEBAM, Secretary.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK,
NO. 52 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1869.
AN ELECTION FOR TEN TRUSTEES of the Union Trust Company of New-York, first-class, to serve for three years, will be held at the office of the Company, on TUESDAY, Jan. 19, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. O. T. CARLTON, Secretary.

BROADWAY INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, the 12th day of January next, between the hours of 11 and 1 P. M.
JOHN WRAY, Secretary.

TREASURER'S OFFICE, STATE OF GEORGIA,
ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 1, 1869.
THE INTEREST DUE JAN. 1, 1869, ON the Bonds of the State of Georgia, will be paid at the Fourth National Bank of the City of New-York.
H. J. ANGIER, Treasurer.

THE INDEPENDENT NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, No. 187 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
E. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, No. 2 Bond-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
A. WILLIAMS, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1869.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL ELECTION for Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking house, TUESDAY, 12th inst., from noon to 1 o'clock, P. M.
A. GILBERT, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE GARDNER MANUFACTURING CO.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 9, 1869.
AN ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company will be held at their office, No. 111 Fulton-st., New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20, 1869, at 3 P. M., at which time nine trustees will be chosen to serve for the ensuing year.
JOHN BOWMAS, Secretary.

BUFFALO, LOCKAWANNA AND WESTERN R. R. CO.
GENERAL OFFICE, No. 25 EXCHANGE-PLACE,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.
THE TRANSFER BOOKS OF THIS COMPANY will be closed from this date until the month of February inclusive, for the purpose of the Annual Meeting.
A. J. ORTON, Treasurer.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the ever-active spoken open on the night of the 31st December, 1868, or the morning of Jan. 1, 1869, at No. 44 Wall-st., New-York City, specie, the following Bonds, viz.: Twenty shares Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, No. 14,267, indorsed; also a receipt from same Company for ten shares of same stock. All persons are notified against purchasing or negotiating the same, as notice has been duly given to stop payment and transfer thereon. MEYER, DEUTSCH & CO.
NEW-YORK, No. 44 Wall-st., Jan. 1, 1869.

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Books of Subscription to the amount of $250,000 of the capital stock will be opened at the National Broadway Bank, on the 15th day of January, 1869.
Any further information which may be desired, in relation to the Company, may be obtained at the office of the Corporators, No. 117 Broadway, Room No. 23, between the hours of 12 M. and 3 o'clock P. M. each day.
JAN. 2, 1869.
WILLIAM A. DARLING,
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5-20 Coupon, '62	112⅜	112⅞	10-40 Coupon	105¼	105¾
5-20 Coupon, '64	109¾	109⅞	Gold	135¾	135¾
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BUTGERS FEMALE COLLEGE,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual meeting of the stockholders of this College will be held at the College, No. 499 Sd-av., NEXT TUESDAY EVENING, Jan. 12, 1869, at 8 o'clock, when the annual report will be presented, and an election held for five trustees.
The polls will be open at 8 o'clock, and remain open half an hour.
By order of the Board of Trustees.
CHARLES CHENEY, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY OF MARYLAND, No. 71 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1869.
THE REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING of the Stockholders of this Company, for the election of a President and Directors, will be held in this office on the 20th DAY OF JANUARY, at 12 o'clock, noon. The polls will be closed at 1 o'clock.
A special meeting of the stockholders will be held at 1 o'clock, sharp, when the consideration of such business as may be presented.
The transfer books will be closed from the 10th inst. until after the election.
JAMES S. MACKIE, President.
A. S. WEBB, Vice-President.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1869.
STOLEN FROM THE SAFE OF C. MILLER & CO., No. 52 Broad-st., the following United States Government Bonds, viz.: No. 28,017 and No. 24,468 of $1,000 each; No. 6,296, No. 27,295, No. 27,296, and one, No. 41,348, of $500, 5-20s issue of 1865, new series. The public are warned not to negotiate the above. A liberal reward will be paid for return of said bonds to GEO. MILLER, No. 52 Broad-st.

IMPORTERS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, New-York, Dec. 31, 1868.
HOLDERS OF THE COUPONS OF THE HERKIMER, JEWETT AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY, due Jan. 1, 1869, are requested to present them at this bank for payment.
S. H. PERKINS, Jr., Cashier.

THE BOWERY NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, No. 8, Bowery, corner of Canal-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
A. HAMILTON, Cashier.

NATIONAL BROADWAY BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
ELECTION.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR 11 directors of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 947 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 12th of January ensuing, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-house, on TUESDAY, 12th day of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking house on TUESDAY, 12th of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
E. J. OAKLEY, Cashier.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking house, No. 214 and 216 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, from 12 to 1 o'clock.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE GREENWICH NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the Banking-room on TUESDAY, 12th of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
O. H. SCHREIBER, Cashier.

THE BANK OF NEW-YORK,
NATIONAL BANKING ASSOCIATION,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-room on TUESDAY, 12th day of January, 1869, Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
W. B. MEEKER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE BROOKLYN GAS-STORE CO.,
MALDEN, Ulster County, N. Y., Jan. 1, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF TRUSTEES of this Company, for the ensuing year, at the next annual election, will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 11th day of January next, Polls open at 2 and close at 3 o'clock P. M.
R. BOGARDUS, Secretary.

SHELDES AND COLUMBIAN COPPER COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—A special meeting of the stockholders of the above Company will be held at the office, No. 74 William-st., New-York, on MONDAY, the 1st day of February, 1869, at 12 o'clock M., to vote upon the questions of increasing the capital stock of the Company and of levying further assessments. By order of the Directors.
R. J. EDWARDS, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
No. 203 BOWERY, NEAR HOUSTON-ST.
DIVIDEND.—THE TRUSTEES HAVE DECLARED a Dividend of SIX PER CENT. per annum (free from tax) on all sums from $5 to $1,000, which will be credited to the six months and three months ending Dec. 31, payable on and after Jan. 20.
HENRY C. FISHER, Secretary.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
THE DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Four (4) per Cent., free of all taxes, payable on and after Jan. 2, proximo.
The transfer books will be closed from the 24th inst. until Jan. 2.
B. SEAMAN, Cashier.

METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK,
No. 319 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 12, 1868.
THE DIRECTORS OF THE METROPOLITAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT. free of all tax, payable on the first MONDAY of January prox.
The Transfer Books will remain closed until Jan. 10, 1869.
GEO. I. SHNEY, Cashier.

OFFICE OF RELIEF FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 140 BROADWAY, N. W. corner of Liberty-st.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, 12th inst., between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
W. R. CRARY, Secretary.

NATIONAL SHOE AND LEATHER BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, Broadway and Chambers-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
J. M. CRANE, Cashier.

TWENTY-NINTH DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors of the MERCANTILE FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, on TUESDAY, Jan. 5, 1869, declared a semi-annual dividend or Five per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on and after Monday, the 4th inst., at their office, No. 164 Broadway.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1869.
WM. A. ANDERSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE TRADESMEN'S FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 168 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company have this day declared a dividend of Five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after 11th inst.
E. Y. BROWN, Secretary.

THE NASSAU FIRE INSURANCE CO. OF BROOKLYN,
OFFICE, No. 128 BROADWAY,
No. 42 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Ten (10) per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on demand.
THOS. B. JONES, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK EQUITABLE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 92 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.
DIVIDEND.—THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of EIGHT PER CENT. on the capital stock, free from Government tax, payable on and after the 11th inst.
JOHN MILLER, Secretary.

FORTY-FOURTH DIVIDEND.—THE NATIONAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY has declared a semi-annual Dividend of SIX PER CENT. payable on and after SATURDAY, the 9th inst., at the Office, No. 52 Wall-st.
HENRY T. DROWNE, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1869.

OFFICE OF THE DEPOSITORS AND TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 128 BROADWAY,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, payable on demand.
DANIEL A. SMITH, Secretary.

OFFICE EQUITABLE CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 159 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.
THIRTY-SECOND SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND.—THE DIRECTORS have this day declared a dividend of five per cent., free of Government tax, payable on demand.
WM. A. BURTIS, Jr., Secretary.

OFFICE COMMERCIAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
No. 102 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 1, 1869.
DIVIDEND.—A DIVIDEND OF TEN PER CENT., free of Government tax, is payable on demand.
E. A. WALTON, Secretary.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 2 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869. The transfer books will be closed from this date until Jan. 13.
JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

THE TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT. WILL be paid on and after TUESDAY, Jan. 12, free of tax.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

SIXTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.—UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Board of Directors have this day declared, from the earnings of the last six months, a semi-annual dividend of five (5) per cent., and an extra dividend of two (2) per cent., free from Government tax, payable on demand.
W. WILSON GREENE, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1869.

BANK OF KENTUCKY.—DIVIDEND.—THE Bank of Kentucky has declared a semi-annual Dividend of 4 per Cent., payable to the New-York stockholders on presentation of their certificates.

DIVIDENDS.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.
OFFICE OF THE CENTRAL COAL MINING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, NO. 10 BROADWAY, ROOM NO. 1, NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1868.
The Directors of this Company have this day declared a Half-yearly Dividend of FOUR PER CENT. (Four Dollars per Share) on the capital stock of the Company, payable to the stockholders on and after WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20, 1869, at the Company's office, as above.
The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 6 until Jan. 20.
By order of the Board.
E. F. WHITE, Secretary and Treasurer.

WILLIAMSBURGH CITY FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
CAPITAL.....$250,000
SURPLUS.....$246,000.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT., payable on demand.
R. GIROUX, Secretary.
BROOKLYN, Jan. 8, 1869.

PAWCATUCK RAILROAD COMPANY,
STONINGTON, CONN., Jan. 6, 1869.
DIVIDEND NO. 87.
A dividend of Five per Cent., free of tax, will be paid to the stockholders of this road on the 15th of February next.
The transfer books will be closed from Jan. 8 to Feb. 16, both days inclusive.
H. SIGHOLB, Treasurer.

PITTSBURG, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY COMPANY, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
PITTSBURG, Dec. 31, 1868.
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF this Company have declared the regular quarterly dividend (No. 2) of 2½ per cent., free of Government tax, on the capital stock for the quarter ending Dec. 31, 1868, and semi-annual interest of 3½ per cent., less Government tax, on the third mortgage bonds, payable on and after Monday, the 18th day of January, 1869, at the office of WINSLOW, LANIER & CO., No. 37 Pine-st., to those registered at New-York, and at the office of the Treasurer, to those registered at Pittsburg. The transfer books will close on SATURDAY, 23rd inst., at 3 P. M., and reopen TUESDAY, the 19th of January, 1869, at 10 A. M.
F. M. HUTCHINSON, Secretary.

OCEAN NATIONAL BANK,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.
THE DIRECTORS OF THE OCEAN NATIONAL BANK have this day declared a dividend of $6 40-100 per cent., of which four per cent. will be paid to stockholders on and after the 11th inst., the balance, $2 40-100 per cent., having been applied to the payment of the County and City taxes, as assessed, upon stockholders.
The transfer books will be closed until 11th inst.
C. S. STEVENSON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD CO.,
NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1868.
AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF Directors of this Company, held this day, it was
Received, That a dividend of FIVE PER CENT., in cash, free of Government tax, be paid on the last day of February next, to the holders of the full-paid shares, registered on the 10th day of January next, and that the transfer books be closed on the said 10th day of January and opened on the 16th day of February following.
THOMAS E. WALKER, Treasurer.

OFFICE MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 35 WALL-ST.,
(BANK OF NEW-YORK BUILDING.)
NEW-YORK CITY, JAN. 1, 1869.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SEVEN (7) per cent., free from Government tax, has this day been declared, payable on demand.
C. M. TOMPKINS, Secretary.

PACIFIC FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
OFFICE NO. 476 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1869.
THIRTY-THIRD DIVIDEND.—THE Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of Eight (8) per Cent. free of Government tax, payable on the 11th inst.
T. F. JEREMIAH, Secretary.

OFFICE INTERNATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY,
NO. 128 BROADWAY, Jan. 2, 1869.
A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT., free from Government tax, has this day been declared by the Board of Directors, and is payable on demand. WM. J. HUGHES, Secretary.

PROPOSALS.

FRESH BEEF AND VEGETABLES.
PATMASTER'S OFFICE, UNITED STATES NAVY, No. 20 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Jan. 11, 1869.
SEALED PROPOSALS, indorsed "Proposals for Fresh Beef and Vegetables," will be received at this office until 12 o'clock M. on FRIDAY, the 22d day of January, 1869, for the supply of 200,000 pounds of each Beef and 200,000 pounds of Fresh Vegetables, at the Brooklyn Navy-yard and Station, as required. The Beef and Vegetables must be of good quality, and the price must be the market affords, and each article must be offered for by the pound. The Beef to be in equal proportions, fore and hind quarters.
Bonds, with approved security, will be required in one-half the estimated amount of the contract, and twenty per cent. in addition will be withheld from the amount of each payment to be made, as collateral security for the due performance of the contract, which will, on no account, be paid until it is fully complied with.
Every offer made must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into the contract within the time specified, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the articles proposed; the responsibility of the guarantors to be certified by the Assessor of Internal Revenue for the district in which they reside.
It is to be understood that in case the stipulated quantity of either article shall be delivered, leaving a balance due on the order of the Navy Department, it will be considered as completed in full, at the option of the Department.
No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such guarantee, and by satisfactory evidence that the bidder is a regular dealer in the articles proposed and has the means required of Contractors.
The Department reserves the right to reject any proposal not considered advantageous to the Government.
C. O. ELDRIDGE,
Paymaster U. S. Navy at New-York.

AUCTION SALE OF HOSPITAL BEDDING AND CLOTHING.
ASSISTANT MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 6, 1869.
Will be sold at public auction, in this city, at the Medicinary-square warehouse, E-st., between 4th and 5th sts., on WEDNESDAY, the 20th day of January next, at 10 o'clock A. M., the following articles of Hospital Bedding and Clothing, no longer required for the use of the Medical Department, viz.:
6,000 pairs of Slippers.
10,000 Shirts.
5,000 Gowns.
5,000 pairs of Socks.
10,000 Drawers.
10,000 Sheets.
2,500 Bedsacks.
1,000 Straw Mattresses.
1,000 Iron Bedsteads, Bar Frames.
4,000 Counterpanes.
3,000 Linen Sheets.
4,000 Pillows.
2,000 White Blankets.
With a very small exception the above goods are all new, and have never been used. They will be sold in lots to suit both large and small purchasers.
Terms—cash in Government funds.
Five (5) days will be allowed to parties purchasing to remove their property.
CHARLES SUTHERLAND,
Assistant Medical Purveyor, Bvt. Col. U. S. A.

ARMY BUILDINGS,
CORNER GREENE AND HOUSTON-STS.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 8, 1869.
PROPOSALS (IN DUPLICATE) WILL be received by the undersigned until 1 o'clock P. M. TUESDAY, Jan. 12, 1869, for
500 barrels of Mess or Prime Mess Pork, one iron hoop on each end.
1,000 barrels of Flour, Winter Wheat; round hoops, full head lined, and sealed bungs.
27,000 pounds of Prime Beans, in barrels full head lined.
20,000 pounds of Green Rio Coffee, in oak barrels, full head lined.
20,000 pounds of Brown Sugar, in oak barrel, full head lined.
4,000 gallons of Pure Cider Vinegar, in 25-gallon kegs, to take up 30 grains of bicarbonate of soda to one fluid ounce.
3,000 pounds of Refined Soap, in 50-pound boxes.
4,000 pounds of Salt, in barrels, full head lined.
400 gallons of Molasses, in barrels.
500 pounds of Pure Ground Black Pepper, in quarter-pound papers.
1,000 pounds of Codfish, in 100-pound boxes.
500 boxes Smoked Herring, to be strapped ten in a package.
300 pounds of Cream Crackers, in 25-pound boxes.
250 pounds of Edinburgh Crackers, in 25-pound boxes.
250 pounds of Butter Crackers, in 25-pound boxes.
200 pounds of Lemon Crackers, in 25-pound boxes.
30 dozen cans of Hard-Shell Clams, in 2-pound cans.
30 dozen cans of Tomatoes, in 2-pound cans.
30 dozen bottles of Worcestershire Sauce, to be packed in wood.
30 dozen bottles of Vanilla Flavoring Extracts.
30 dozen bottles Worcestershire Sauce, to be packed in wood.
800 boxes Sardines—½ boxes.
400 pounds Corn Starch, in 1-pound packages.
400 cans of Gregory's Sauce, in 1-pound cans.
4,000 pounds Adamantine Candles, in 25-pound boxes.
These stores are required for immediate shipment. The manner of making bids, requirements of bidders, and terms as stated in previous advertisements from this office.
W. W. BURNS,
Bvt. Brig.-Gen., C. S., U. S. A.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-ORLEANS, MOBILE AND CHATTANOOGA RAILROAD COMPANY,
NEW-ORLEANS, Nov. 28, 1868.
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
Sealed proposals for constructing the portion of the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad, between the cities of New-Orleans and Mobile, embracing about 7,000,000 cubic yards of earth work, the delivery of materials for and construction of 4,000 lineal feet of trunk bridging, 28,000 lineal feet of pile and trestle work, and for delivery of 20,000 cubic yards of ballast materials, will be received at the Company's office, in the City of New-Orleans, up to 10 o'clock A. M. Wednesday, Jan. 20, 1869.
Maps and profiles of the line, plans of structures and approximate amounts of work to be done, will be exhibited at the same office, on and after December 10, 1868, and blank forms furnished for contracts, specifications, propositions, &c., &c.
All proposals to be addressed to Henry Van Vleck, Chief Engineer for the New-Orleans, Mobile and Chattanooga Railroad Company, New-Orleans, La.
The Company reserves the right to reject any proposal which for any reason shall not be satisfactory.
JAMES A. RAYNOR,
President N. O., M. and C. R. R. Co.
Office of the Company in New-York, No. 31 Pine-st.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL, GEN. OF BOUSTON AND GREENE-STS.,
NEW-YORK CITY, Jan. 4, 1869.
SEALED PROPOSALS IN DUPLICATE, with a copy of this advertisement attached to each, are invited and will be received at this office until 12 M., Jan. 15, 1869, for the erection of two frame outbuildings at Fort Hamilton, New-York Harbor, of one and a half stories each, of the following dimensions: 25 ft. 3 in. ft. and 24 ft. 8 in. ft., each building having a porch front and rear.
Plans and specifications of the work can be seen at this office.
Bidders must state the time within which they will complete the work, and will be required to give guarantee (two responsible sureties) for the faithful compliance with the agreement.
The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
Payment will be made when the work is completed, upon the requisitions of the Acting Assistant Quartermaster at Fort Hamilton.
RUFUS INGALLS,
Brevet Major-Gen. and Asst. Quar.-Gen. U. S. A.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION have originated the anæsthetic use of nitrous oxide gas, administer it in the most approved manner, do nothing but extract teeth, and charge only for the extraction pain, as 20,000 patients testify. See their advertisement at the office, No. 13 Cooper Institute.

CLAIRVOYANTS.

CLAIRVOYANT.—NO HUMBUG.—$20,000 will be given to any one who can surpass her in giving true information; tells you the name of the person you will marry, and that at her visitors, and shows you his picture.

SAVINGS BANKS.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,
GRAYBAR-BUILDING, CORNER OF BROADWAY AND SUMMER-ST.,
Dec. 22, 1868.
The Board of Trustees of the Atlantic Savings Bank have ordered that a quarterly and half-yearly Dividend at the rate of
SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM
on all deposits entitled thereto, be paid on and after MONDAY, Jan. 18, 1869, out of the earnings of the Bank for the past six months.
HARRISON HALL, President.
C. D. BALLEY, Treasurer.
JOSEPH F. COOPER, Secretary.
N. B.—Deposits made on or before Jan. 20 will date interest from Jan. 1; interest not withdrawn will be added to the principal.

IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION,
NO. 96 WARREN-ST., NEW-YORK.
SIX PER CENT. interest allowed on all sums from $1 to $5,000, free of Government tax.
Deposits made now will draw interest from Jan. 1.
Bank open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M.
WALTER W. CONCKLIN, President.
VANDERBILT L. BUXTON, Secretary.

WILLIAMSBURGH SAVINGS BANK,
CORNER OF SOUTH 2D AND 4TH STS., BROOKLYN, E. D.,
(Late Williamsburg, L. I.)
DIVIDENDS AND EXTRA DIVIDENDS.
Depositors are hereby notified that a semi-annual interest at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum on all sums of three dollars and upward that shall have been deposited three months on the 1st day of January next, will be paid to depositors on or after Monday, Jan. 18, 1869.
An EXTRA INTEREST will also be paid at the same time, at the rate of TWO PER CENT. per annum.
ALL LEFT FROM DIVIDEND TO BE A PRINCIPAL.
Interest not called for will be placed to the credit of depositors as principal, and will draw interest from Jan. 1. Deposits made on or before the 10th of January will draw interest from the 1st.
The Bank is open for business daily (Sundays and holidays excepted) from 10 o'clock A. M. until 2 o'clock P. M., and also on Monday and Saturday afternoons, from 6 to 7 o'clock.
GEORGE R

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.

THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.

The Steamships usually on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 50 North River as follows:

EUROPE ..... LEMAIRE ..... SATURDAY, Jan. 9
VILLE DE PARIS ..... VERNOT ..... SATURDAY, Jan. 23
FRANCE ..... DUCHESNE ..... SATURDAY, Feb. 6
ST. LAURENT ..... ROUSSEAU ..... SATURDAY, Feb. 20

PRICE OF PASSAGE IN GOLD, (including wine) TO BREST OR HAVRE.
First cabin, $140; second cabin, $90.
TO PARIS.
Including railway tickets furnished on board,
First cabin, $145; second cabin, $95.
Third cabin, $60; steerage, $35.
Medical attendance free of charge.

American travelers going to or returning from the Continent of Europe, by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railways and the discomforts of crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.

GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 29 Broadway.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, CALLING AT CORK HARBOR.

RUSSIA leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6
CHINA leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13
CUBA leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Jan. 20
JAVA leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Jan. 27
AUSTRALASIAN leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Feb. 3
RUSSIA leaves ..... WEDNESDAY, Feb. 10
Gold Cabin Passage $120
Gold Steerage Passage 60
TO PARIS.
Cabin Cabin Passage 145
Payable in gold.

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RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow, or Derry, $80 and $75.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $140.
Steerage, $30 for the passage; Intermediate, $35.
Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $37.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Rotterdam, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
Drafts issued payable at any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply at the Company's office, No. 7 Bowling-green, New-York.
HENDERSON BROTHERS.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL.
From Pier No. 46 North river, WEDNESDAYS.
COLORADO ..... 2,856 tons ..... Jan. 20, at 10 A. M.
HIBERNIA ..... 2,300 tons ..... Jan. 27, at 2 P. M.
MARATHON ..... 2,800 tons ..... Feb. 3, at 11 A. M.
NEVADA (new) ..... Feb. 10, at 2 P. M.
One cabin passenger only to a stateroom.
Tickets to bring out passengers from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.
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FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.
SIBERIA ..... Jan. 7 TRIPOLI ..... Jan. 28
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Cabin ..... $80 Gold. Steerage ..... $30 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown as low as can be paid.
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FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.—The Inman Line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
ETNA (via Halifax) ..... Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1 P. M.
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CITY OF LONDON ..... Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1 P. M.
KANGAROO (via Halifax) ..... Tuesday, Jan. 26, 1 P. M.
And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE
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First Cabin ..... $100 Steerage ..... $30 and $35
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STEAM COMMUNICATION DIRECT BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA, VIA PANAMA.
THE PANAMA, NEW-ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIAN ROYAL MAIL COMPANY dispatch a steamer every month, sailing from Panama about the 20th, upon the arrival of the British mail. Steamer at Panama. The first-class steamship THAMES will leave Pier No. 42 North River, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 13, and MONTGOMERY on SATURDAY, Jan. 16, at 3 P. M.
For freight or passage apply to
E. LUDLOW, Agent, No. 29 West-st.
Cabin passage $50.

U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M.
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. H. ADAMS ..... Jan. 14
COLUMBIA, Capt. J. [illegible] ..... Jan. 21
EAGLE, Capt. M. R. CRANE, via Nassau ..... Jan. 28
For freight or passage apply to
S. C. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.
UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE BAHAMA GOVERNMENT FOR CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid side-wheel steamer
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P. Henderson and Mexican Mail Steamship Line, sailing every week days. The fine steamship GRANADA, Capt. W. HAZEN, will leave Pier No. 1, East River, on FRIDAY, Jan. 29, at 10 A. M. Passage to Havana, in entirely new cabins, apply to
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The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the first-class steamer
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on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 6, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 19 North River, foot of Warren-st. Cargo delivered without transfer. Insurance at lowest rates. Insurance guaranteed at the lowest rate on cotton to Mobile. Through rates of freight to all inland points on the Mobile, Tombigbee and Alabama rivers, by the Alabama and Tombigbee Rivers Packet Line. Through bills of lading given to points in the interior, at lower rates than any other route.
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Freight received until 4 P. M. WEDNESDAY, Dec. 20.
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Carrying the United States mails.
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Leave James-slip: 6:30 A. M., Mail train for Greenport; 8 A. M., Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove; 3 P. M., Sag Harbor, River Head; 4 P. M., Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove; 5:30 P. M., Farmingdale and way stations. All trains connect with Brooklyn by Bridge. Sunday trains leave at 9 A. M. from Hunter's Point for Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove.
L. D. MARTON, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS LEAVE DEPOT foot of Chambers-st., Pavonia Ferry:
5 A. M.—Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South.
8 A. M.—Way Train, Daily, for Otterville and intermediate Stations.
10 A. M.—Express Mail, for Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South.
3 P. M.—Way Train, for Middletown and intermediate Stations.
4 P. M.—Way Train, for Suffern and intermediate Stations.
5 P. M.—Night Express, Daily, for all points West and South. By this Train Sleeping Coaches will run through to Buffalo, Rochester and Cincinnati, without change.
7 P. M.—Emigrant Train, Daily, for the West.
Also Way Trains for Rutherford Park, Passaic and Paterson at 8:30 and 9:30 A. M., 11 A. M., and 1:45, 4:15, 5:45 and 11 P. M. On Sundays, Paterson only at 11 A. M. and 11 P. M.
SUNDAY TRAINS.—8:30 A. M., Way Train for Otterville.—1:45 P. M., for Paterson.—4:15 P. M., Night Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati and all points West and South.—7 P. M., Emigrant and Way Train.—11 P. M., for Paterson and Port Jervis.
Express Trains run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Dunkirk, Cleveland and Cincinnati without change of coaches, and in direct connection with all Southern and Western lines.
Elegantly ventilated and luxurious sleeping coaches accompany all night trains.
Tickets can be obtained at the Company's offices, No. 241 Broadway and Depot foot of Chambers-st., New-York; Jersey City Depot, Jersey City.
WM. R. SAME, H. HIDDLE,
Gen'l Pass. Agent. Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 23, 1868, Express trains will leave Chambers-st., Newark and Western depots, as follows:
5 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, Sundays excepted, stopping at Chatham with Western Express, and at Albany with Express for Buffalo, Niagara Falls, &c., and at Troy with train for Saratoga, Montreal, Burlington and the Northern.
11:30 A. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West, Troy and Saratoga, and attached to the train through to Troy.
3:30 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, with drawing-room car attached, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and the Northern. Sleeping-car attached.
4:30 P. M. Express train via Harlem Railroad, connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, &c., and at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Montreal, Burlington and the Northern.
6:30 P. M. Express train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-car attached, and through to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, without change of cars. Also sleeping-cars every day, except Saturday, attached from New-York through to Ogdensburg without change.
Sleeping-cars will run to Albany and Troy. Tea will be made at East Albany. This train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping-car attached, connecting at Albany with express trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
Express trains leave Harlem via Hudson River Railroad from New-York to Poughkeepsie and intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M. Returning leave Poughkeepsie at 6:30 A. M., arriving in New-York at 9 A. M., and leave Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving at New-York at 6 P. M.
Also a Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving Chatham at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 1:40 P. M. Returning, leave Millerton at 4:20 P. M., arriving at New-York at 8 P. M.
WM. R. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains will leave New-York by the Pavonia Ferry, foot of Chambers-st., as follows:—At 7 A. M., 11:30, 3:45 and 6:30 P. M. And Saturdays only, 11 midnight. The 11 and 6:30 P. M. run through to Monsey.
NOV. 2, 1868. THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

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PUBLIC NOTICES.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all houses and lots, improved or unimproved lands, affected thereby, that the following assessments have been completed and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:
First—For paving, with trap-block, Lexington-avenue, between Fifty-seventh and Sixty-third streets.
Second—For laying crosswalk from southeast to the southwest corner of Greenwich and Morton streets.
Third—For paving, with trap-block, Broadway and Ninth-avenue, sixty-second and sixty-third streets.
Fourth—For paving, with trap-block, Fifty-seventh-street, from First to Second-avenue.
Fifth—For paving, with trap-blocks, Forty-sixth-street, from Second to Third-avenue.
Sixth—For building sewers in Fourth-avenue, between Fifty-second and Fifty-third streets, with branches, and in Sixty-sixth-street, between Fourth and Fifth-avenues.
Seventh—For flagging sidewalks in Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Eighth—For flagging sidewalks in Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Ninth—For building sewers in Fourth-avenue, between Seventieth and Seventy-fourth streets, with branch in Seventieth-street.
Tenth—For flagging sidewalks on the east side of Greenwich-street, from Battery-place to Morris-street.
Eleventh—For flagging sidewalks in Fifteenth-street, between Second and Third avenues.
Twelfth—For building curbs, gutter-stones, and flagging sidewalks in East-street, from Grooms to Grand.
Thirteenth—For building sewer in Fifteenth-street, between Second and Third avenues.
Fourteenth—For flagging sidewalks at numbers four hundred and seventy-three and four hundred thirty-ninth-avenue.
Fifteenth—For building sewers in Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth, and Forty-first streets, between Tenth-avenue and Hudson River, with connections in Ninth-avenue.
The limits embraced by said assessment include all the several houses and lots of ground, vacant lots, pieces and parcels of land, fronting on both sides of Lexington-avenue, from Fifty-sixth to Sixty-sixth-street, to the extent of half the block on both sides of the intersecting streets.
Second—Both sides of Fourth-avenue, and the southerly side of Morton-street to the extent of half the block from the southeasterly and southwesterly corners of Greenwich and Morton streets.
Third—Lots known as ward numbers five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten and sixty-four, on block number one hundred and twenty-four, bounded by Broadway, Sixty-third-street, Ninth-avenue and Sixty-second-street.
Fourth—Both sides of Fifty-seventh-street, from First to Second-avenue, to the extent of half the block on said avenues.
Fifth—Both sides of Forty-sixth-street, from second to Third-avenue, to the extent of half the block on said avenues.
Sixth—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Seventh—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Eighth—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Ninth—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Fifty-sixth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Fifty-seventh-street, from Fourth to Fifth-avenue; also the southerly side of Sixty-seventh-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Tenth—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Eleventh—Both sides of Fifteenth-street, between Second and Third avenues.
Twelfth—The easterly side of East-street, from Grand to Broome-street.
Thirteenth—Both sides of Fifteenth-street, between First-avenue and East River.
Fourteenth—Lots known as numbers four hundred and twenty-eight and four hundred and thirty Sixth-avenue.
Fifteenth—Both sides of Thirty-seventh, Thirty-eighth, Thirty-ninth, Fortieth and Forty-first streets, from Tenth-avenue to Hudson River; also, both sides of Fortieth-street, from Ninth-avenue to Forty-second-street; also, the westerly side of Tenth-avenue, from Thirty-seventh to Fortieth-street.
Sixteenth—Lots known as ward numbers five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten and sixty-four, on block number one hundred and twenty-four, bounded by Broadway, Sixty-third-street, Ninth-avenue and Sixty-second-street.
Seventeenth—Both sides of Fifty-seventh-street, from Fourth to Fifth-avenue; also the southerly side of Sixty-seventh-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Eighteenth—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Nineteenth—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Twenty—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Fifty-sixth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Twenty-one—Both sides of Fifty-seventh-street, from Fourth to Fifth-avenue; also the southerly side of Sixty-seventh-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Twenty-two—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Twenty-three—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Twenty-four—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Twenty-five—Both sides of Fifty-seventh-street, from Fourth to Fifth-avenue; also the southerly side of Sixty-seventh-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Twenty-six—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Twenty-seventh—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Twenty-eight—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Twenty-nine—Both sides of Fifty-seventh-street, from Fourth to Fifth-avenue; also the southerly side of Sixty-seventh-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Thirty—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Thirty-one—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Thirty-two—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Fourth to Fifth-avenue; also the southerly side of Sixty-seventh-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Thirty-three—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Thirty-four—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Thirty-five—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Thirty-six—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Thirty-seven—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Thirty-eight—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Thirty-nine—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Forty—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Forty-one—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Forty-two—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Forty-three—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
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Forty-eight—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Forty-nine—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Fifty—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Fifty-one—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Fifty-two—The southerly side of Sixteenth-street, from River-avenue to Avenue B.
Fifty-three—The easterly side of Fourth-avenue, from Sixty-ninth to Sixty-third-street; also both sides of Sixtieth, Sixty-first and Sixty-second streets, and the southerly side of Sixty-third-street, from Madison-avenue to a point one hundred and fifty feet westerly.
Fifty-four—Both sides of Tenth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifteenth-street; also the westerly side of Twelfth-avenue, from Forty-fourth to Fifty-second-street.
Fifty-five—The southerly side of Sixteenth

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Christian Duty and Opportunity—Sermon by Rev. C. C. McCabe.

Chaplain C. C. McCABE, of Libby Prison fame, discoursed to a large congregation in the South Second-street Methodist Episcopal Church, Williamsburg, yesterday morning, on the subject of Christian duty as measured by opportunity. He described the rise and progress of Methodism in this country as the result of an opportunity. When Father EMBURY could not think of any place to preach, BARBARA HECK told him to preach in his own house; then Father Embury said: "But where's the congregation?" "Teach to sing," said Barbara, and accordingly Embury preached to a congregation of six persons in his own house—all of them church members. From that little band had grown their great and wide-spread denomination. Until it was to be found wherever the traveler went, all over the land—building at the rate of one church every day, and keeping pace with the rapidly-increasing population. Bishop AMES had related to a meeting of Methodist preachers out West, when the speaker was present, that he had once tried to ride into a part of the country where no preacher had yet been, desiring to be the first to make known the name of Jesus to the people whom he should meet with, but to its astonishment and gratification he found that the Methodist preacher had been before him, and indeed he received a preacher's welcome in the wigwam of an Indian Methodist preacher. Mr. BOTTS (who said that when the Pacific Railroad was finished the mines of the Pacific would pour out treasures worth $500,000,000. To cultivate these resources, millions of all nations and climes and religions were coming to our country, and thirty-two years hence our population would amount to a hundred millions. Not only were foreigners pouring in here from Europe, but by the Pacific from China. The Chinese already in our borders are building their temples and erecting their heathen gods on our mountain sides. Here was opportunity for all Christian denominations to exercise their energies toward the uprooting of idolatry in this land. He thought too, that the Catholics would help them, but he was afraid they wouldn't, for they seemed to delight in keeping the people in ignorance. If they would only give the people the Bible he would let them alone; he was for religious liberty, and mummeries for the Bible would soon clean them out. Let things cast and set God above them all. In Rome, where there were three hundred and sixty-five cathedrals, they were afraid of one little Protestant chapel capable of holding a few hundred persons, and it was ordered outside the walls of the city, so they could not expose their holy relics of idolatry from that quarter. There was a question which had been suggested itself to the Sixth Corps of the Union army, to which he belonged during the war—"Can we do it?" Here, that was the question that commended itself to Christians. And he was sure that if we would only do our duty, in the week of the prayer-meeting, and accordingly Embury preached to a congregation of six persons in his own house—all of them church members. From that little band had grown their great and wide-spread denomination. Until it was to be found wherever the traveler went, all over the land—building at the rate of one church every day, and keeping pace with the rapidly-increasing population. Bishop AMES had related to a meeting of Methodist preachers out West, when the speaker was present, that he had once tried to ride into a part of the country where no preacher had yet been, desiring to be the first to make known the name of Jesus to the people whom he should meet with, but to its astonishment and gratification he found that the Methodist preacher had been before him, and indeed he received a preacher's welcome in the wigwam of an Indian Methodist preacher. 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